

## Wisdom's Bitterness

### Ecclesiastes 7:25-29

#### I. The Folly of Man (25-28)

##### A. A Reminding Restatement (25, 27)

##### B. A Bitter and Difficult Statement (26, 28)

#### II. The Uprightness of God (29)

##### A. Man the Schemer

##### B. God the Sovereign

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25 I applied my heart to know, To search and seek out wisdom and the reason of things, To know the wickedness of folly, Even of foolishness and madness.

26 And I find more bitter than death The woman whose heart is snares and nets, Whose hands are fetters. He who pleases God shall escape from her, But the sinner shall be trapped by her.

27 "Here is what I have found," says the Preacher, "Adding one thing to the other to find out the reason,

28 Which my soul still seeks but I cannot find: One man among a thousand I have found, But a woman among all these I have not found.

29 Truly, this only I have found: That God made man upright, But they have sought out many schemes."

### Small Group Questions

1. Many people use this passage and others to accuse the Bible of being misogynistic. What are some of those other passages and how are they used to further this accusation?
2. We cleared up what was going on in this morning's passage which to gave rise to Solomon's bitterness. How can we deal with some of those passages you noticed above?
3. If you have not yet done this in questions 1 or 2, discuss the biblical pattern of men and women in the family.