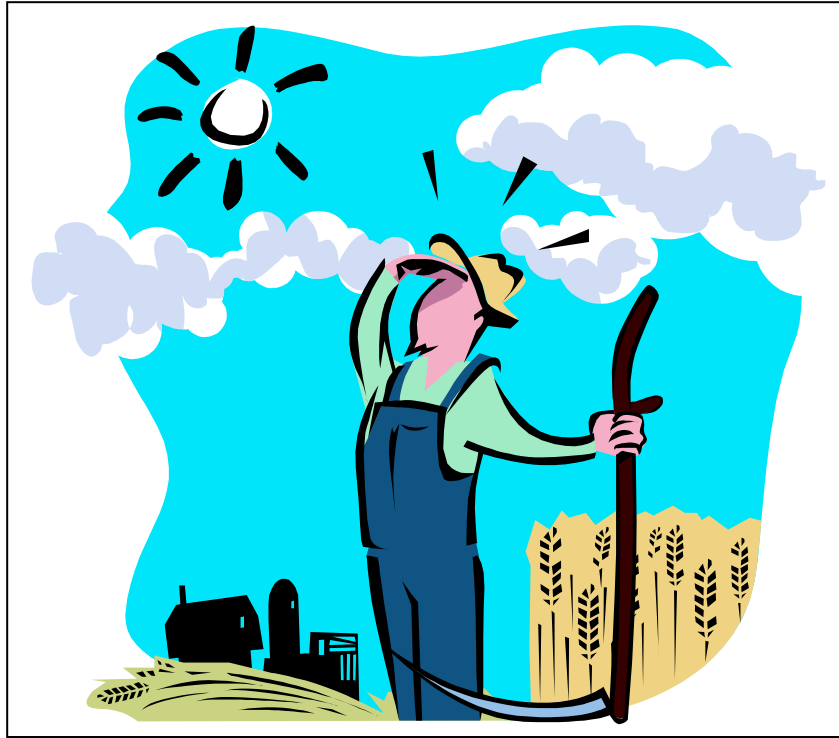


Ecclesiastes Study 2



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What does it mean to be fair ? Is it fair for rich people to take advantage of poor people? How would you argue what is fair and what is unfair?

Read Chapter 5:8-20

See v8-9. Why does oppression exist ? Is this fair or not ? Give your reasons.

See v10-12. If someone has a love for money can they ever be satisfied? Give your reasons.

See v13-17 According to the writer death makes wealth meaningless. What reasons does he give ? (see v15-16)

Do you agree with his conclusion? Give reasons.



Read v18-20 again. Now the writer tries to see things from God's perspective.

How does the writer understand his purpose for life and how to enjoy it ?

V18

V19 - 20

Relevance.

Do you agree or disagree with the conclusions of the writer ? give your reasons.

Does God really make a difference in people's lives? Is this difference real or imagined?

Summary. (by group leader)

Reading Ecclesiastes can be frustrating because it makes us ask all the hard without giving us any of the answers. It allows us to question God and doesn't try to sweep all these hard questions under the carpet (i.e. hide it). It doesn't try to give quick easy answers and so trivialize the problems we face.

(v11) Our frustrations come because we want our life to make sense, to have a purpose or some kind of meaning. So in v12 it says that purpose is withheld from us, that's why it seems so meaningless and so frustrating.

Isn't it amazing that ancient wisdom can be so profound. It speaks truths about life that is timeless and is always relevant regardless of how technologically advanced we are. It makes good sense to pay attention to it.

Any Questions so far?

Pray

