

# Three Paths, One Destination

Ecclesiastes 7:15-29

DIVINE WISDOM

FALLEN WORLD

The Book of Ecclesiastes

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This week, we see 3 types of people in the world: the righteous (or trying to be), the wise, and the foolish. All 3 of these people are truly in the same boat. All are looking for something outside of God and all fall short. The answer is to rest in the finished work of Jesus, the only thing that offers true hope and peace!

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 100*

## Songs of Praise

*Your Grace Is Enough*

*Song: You Never Let Go*

## Announcements and Offering

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## Confession of Faith

## **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

**Q. 85. What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?**

*To escape the wrath and curse due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and repentance leading to life together with the diligent use of all the outward means by which Christ gives to us the benefits of redemption.*

**Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?**

*Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace by which we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is freely offered to us in the gospel.*

## **Song of Declaration**

*Our Great Savior*

### **Sermon - Three Paths, One Destination**

Sermon Scripture - [Ecclesiastes 7:15-29](#)

#### **The Righteous (Ecclesiastes 7:15-18)**

- What are the two ways people can go in [Ecclesiastes 7:16-17](#)?
- What is meant by do not be overly righteous?
  - [1 Timothy 6:11](#)
- What is the trap of attempting to be overly righteous or overly righteous? How do we avoid it?

#### **The Wise (Ecclesiastes 7:19-24)**

- What do we learn about wisdom in [Ecclesiastes 7:20](#)? How is this the crux of matter?
- What do we learn from [Psalm 143:2](#) and [Romans 3:10-11](#)?
- What does Solomon anticipate in [Ecclesiastes 7:21-22](#)?

*Dear Sirs, I am.*

*Sincerely yours*

*G.K. Chesterton*

*(in response to the question "What is wrong with the world" posed by the Times in 1908.)*

## The Fool (Ecclesiastes 7:25-29)

- How should we understand the woman in this section?
  - [Ecclesiastes 7:26](#)
  - [Ecclesiastes 7:29](#)
- How does [Genesis 3:6](#) connect to this section as a whole?
- What is true about each of the 3 people addressed in this passage?

### Song of Response

*Free In You*

### Benediction

1. What is your favorite book? Why?
2. Solomon says do not be overly righteous. How can pursuing a righteous life actually cause us to lose sight of the message of the gospel?
3. All three people (righteous, wise, and fool) ultimately are trying to earn their salvation. Do you find you often try to earn salvation? Do you believe people around you believe they can/must earn salvation?
4. Read [Psalm 143:2](#) and [Romans 3:10-11](#). What do we learn in these passages? Why is this such a difficult reality for most to accept?
5. [Ecclesiastes 7:29](#) states we seek out many schemes. What are some of the “schemes” that turn our attention away from God? How do you fight against these schemes in your own life?
6. What is one area in which you would like to grow in your knowledge of scripture or theology? How can you take steps in that direction?