

April 24, 2022 | Pastor Keith Krell
Ecclesiastes 7:15-29 | “Wise Words for Wise Ones”

Scripture References

Ecclesiastes 7:15–29
Isaiah 40:13–14
Jeremiah 9:23–24
Romans 3:9–20
Jeremiah 12:1–5
1 Corinthians 3:18–20
James 3:1–12

Study Questions

1. When are you most tempted to question God (7:15)? How do you continue trusting Him during those moments? What “good” people do you know who died too young? What “evil” people lived much too long? Why would God permit such a travesty of moral justice? How would you respond to the question: “Why do only the good die young?”
2. Why is it easier for you to have a higher opinion of yourself than you should (7:16–18)? How do you struggle with pride and self-righteousness? What are some of the motivations behind this pattern? How can you cultivate a humble heart before God and others? Read Jeremiah 9:23–24 and Luke 18:9–14.
3. In what area(s) of your life do you need wisdom as a source of strength (7:19)? How can you learn to rely upon the Lord for His strength instead of your own? Why is there such a temptation to be independent? How can you break this habit? Read John 15:1–5.
4. When have you been infuriated by someone’s sin against you (7:21–22)? How does it help to remember that you have also sinned against others? Are you angry at someone because they failed you? In what ways have you failed others? How can you learn to control your tongue? How have you owned your sin? Have you confessed your gossip, slander, and bitterness to God and others? Read Matthew 12:36–37 and James 3:1–12.
5. How many truly wise people do you know (7:23–29)? What character qualities do they share? What keeps you from being labeled a “wise” woman or man? How can you grow so that you become biblically wise? What wise guy or gal can mentor you in your pursuit of wisdom?

Recommended Reading

Jerry Bridges, *Trusting God* (NavPress, 1988)
Jerry Bridges, *The Blessing of Humility* (NavPress, 2016)
Allan Moseley, *Living Well: God’s Wisdom from the Book of Proverbs* (Lexham, 2017)