



Eccl. 7 What is truly Good? Part 2 NOTES.

Ch. 6 lists a few seemingly good things that turn out not to be best for us. Ch.7 goes into some proverbs that list bad things that result in good. Ends chapter 6:12: *Who knows what is good for anyone in this life? This is a key to happiness: I don't always know what is best, but God does, trust Him.*

1-4: Why can a funeral be better than a celebration?

- a. **Completion:** V.1b- Birth celebrates “potential” (David Gibson). A baby represents things that may or may not happen, yet the day of death is about fulfilment: the things that happened!
- b. **Graduation:** Death, for the believer, is the best day ever! Heaven!
- c. **Instruction:** V.2-4-It is a better life instructor. It forces us to reflect on the brevity of life and tomorrow it could be you in the box. How does that change your thinking?

V.7 -25 Wisdom is good but it has its limits because even the wisest can't control or know everything.

V. 14- echoes **6:12 Am I really in control?** Do I really know ultimately what is good for me? Can I straighten what God has bent? (v.13). **The point:** trust the sovereignty and goodness of God, not self.

V.26-29 The key is there is only one righteous man. Jesus. The secret to happiness today is surrendering to the control of Jesus. How do I do this? **The cross:**

Romans 8

- 1. V. 31-39 His sacrifice shows he won't withhold anything good. If God loved us so much, that he gave his most precious treasure, His Son, I can trust that even my suffering will be redeemed.**
- 2. V.31 His sacrifice shows that If He is for us, nothing can be ultimately against us.**
- 3. V.18 His sacrifice shows that no suffering compares to the reward.**
- 4. V.28-29 His sacrifice shows that even the cross worked to good.**

Tim Keller- For the believer: *“Your bad things turn out for good, your good things can never be lost, and the best things are yet to come.”*

Grow Group Questions:

1. (V.1) What about my reputation needs to be changed? What would my unbiased obituary say?
2. Which of the 4 areas in V.7-10 (Greed, Impatience, Anger, Nostalgia-living in the past) do you need God's wisdom with? What does God's word say about dealing with each area?
3. Are there areas of my life that I don't believe this verse that: *“God will withhold no good thing from those that walk upright?”* Psalm 84:11 or am I trying to control areas of my life (finding a spouse, the perfect job, financial freedom, aspects of my future, etc.)
4. If you knew you had a month to live, how would that change how you lived?
5. If I died today and God asked me: “Why should I let you into my kingdom?” How will I respond?

Announcements 3/26

- Next Steps Class – 4/2 in the Fellowship Hall – sign up to become a member and take the next step at Feathersoundchurch.com/nextsteps
- Grow Group Sign Ups – Join a Grow Group at Feathersoundchurch.com/grow
- Passover Seder Dinner – 4/6 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall – Registration ends on 3/29 register at Feathersoundchurch.com/events
- Easter Sunrise Service – 4/9 at 6:30am at Feather Sound Country Club. Sign up to be baptized after this service at Feathersoundchurch.com/baptism