

## Ecclesiastes 7:13-29

### Day 1: The Omnipotence of God

**Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 7:13-15, Job 2:10

**Meditation:** Solomon speaks of God's work. He reminds us that everything is from God. When the days are good, we should be thankful. But even when its not, it is still God who has given us that day.

**Reflection:** How do you feel when you think of God being all powerful? When you look back at past experiences, how do these verses help you in understanding God? Where should our focus be on life?

**Prayer:** Spend time thanking God for being in control of all things.

### Day 2: Selfish factors of life

**Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 7:16-17, Matthew 6:1

**Meditation:** If we are not careful, we can get too caught up in feeling as though we are spiritually "better" than someone else. Many times, you will find someone who wants to exert their bible knowledge over another person, just so they can feel spiritually mature. We are reminded in these passages that someone who thinks like this honestly isn't any better than the person who does nothing spiritually. Our goal is not for others to see us, but for others to see Christ.

**Reflection:** How frustrating can it be at times when you feel like you are doing so much that never seems to go noticed? Do you only do things so that you can benefit from it? How do you feel when you run into someone who comes across as self-righteous? Are there areas in your life where you see selfishness rising up? What can you do to combat those feelings?

**Prayer:** Spend time asking God to show ways in which you can fall victim to a selfish lifestyle. When you see them, ask Him to direct you away from it so that people see Jesus in you.

### Day 3: Observations of humanity

**Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 7:19-29

**Meditation:** The very first sin Adam & Eve committed broke humanities fellowship with God. When we hear someone speaking ill of us it will hurt, but truth be told, no one is without fault in this area. We have all failed God and others with our actions. It's because of that broken fellowship. The bottom line is that God made us perfect, and we decided that was not good enough. Because of this, we will constantly be in battle with what our spirit tells us and what our flesh wants.

**Reflection:** You never have to teach someone how to sin. It is because we are born totally depraved. How many times this week can you think of a moment in which you have thought or acted against the teachings of the bible? Did it just happen without much thought? Do you spend more time thinking of your own desires than you do of what God desires from you this week?

**Prayer:** Ask God to open your heart and mind to His word. Spend time talking to Him about your true struggles this past week and then ask him to help you overcome these areas of sin.