



## Guarding Your Steps in God's House Ecclesiastes 5:1-20

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According to a recent article from Fox News, "American churches are closing faster than new ones can open" (6/23/22). Studies indicate that 6 to 10 thousand American churches close their doors every year.

It took King Solomon 7 years, 153,000 men, and an estimated 3 to 6 billion dollars to build the first temple. About 400 years later, God closed its doors. In 587 BC, Solomon's Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians due to the people's hypocrisy and idolatry (Jer. 7:13-14).

In our text, King Solomon warned that you must guard your steps when you go to the house of God.

### Main Thought...

➔ When God \_\_\_\_\_ through His Word, His people must listen.

**1. Draw near to \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1-3).**

1 Tim. 3:15; 2 Tim. 4:2-4a; Heb. 4:12; Rev. 2:7a

**2. Pay what you \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4-7).**

Jam. 5:12b; Ps. 116:12-15; Ecc. 12:13

**3. Rejoice in God's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8-20; 2:24-26a).**

- God gives us \_\_\_\_\_ and possessions (v. 8-19a).
- God gives us the \_\_\_\_\_ to enjoy them (v. 19b-20).

Jam. 1:17; Pr. 3:9-10; Mal. 3:10; Jn. 3:16

### Final Thoughts...

➔ Are you \_\_\_\_\_ for God's good gifts?

➔ Are you \_\_\_\_\_ when God speaks?