

Those Who Fear God Will Do Well

ECCLESIASTES 8 | PREACHED BY PASTOR CRAIG STURM

This morning we are continuing our series through the book of Ecclesiastes. It's a timeless, and timely book. In it, the Preacher-King recounts a lifelong search for meaning, purpose, and satisfaction "under the sun." To do so, he exhausts every nook and cranny of the created order and human potential. Yet, again and again, he discovers "all is vanity." Today, in Ecc. 8, the Preacher unpacks a central theme of the book — living in the fear of God as an antidote to vanity.

INTRODUCTION

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT

(Ecc. 8:12)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "FEAR GOD"?

(Ecc. 8:12; Ps. 25:14; 103:17; 86:11; Prov. 1:1; 14:26-27; 22:4)

Defined... To fear God is to reverently live under God's righteous rule with a profound sense of adoption, that leads to glad obedience and joyful worship.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN "IT WILL BE WELL"?

(Ecc. 8:1-17; Ps. 11:10; 115:11, 13; 23:4; 25:14; 27:3; 31:19; 33:18; 103:11, 13; 111:5; 130:4; 145:19; 147:11)

SHOWING THE FEAR OF GOD

- By what we love (Ps. 22:23; 119:120; 119:74; 86:11)

- By what we think (Ps. 66:16; 119:79; Prov. 3:7)

- By what we do (Ps. 119:63; 128:1; Prov. 14:2; 76:8; 8:13)

LIVING IN THE FEAR OF GOD

- Meditate on the Gospel

- Dig deep into God's character

- Repent of Pride

NEXT WEEK:

Facing Death (Ecc. 8:1-10), Pastor Adam Sinnett