

Questions On Ecclesiastes 5

1. How was one to walk when he entered the house of the Lord? (v. 1)
 - a) What “house” was Solomon referring to? (v. 1)
 - b) The worshipper was to focus upon *what* when doing this? (1)
 - c) Though we don’t worship in Temples today and church buildings are not temples, what principle of worship still applies today? (Jn. 4:24)
2. What is cautioned against in verse 2 regarding speech? (two things)
3. What is a fool known by? (v. 3) And how does Solomon characterize this in verse 7?
4. Verses 4-6 echo the Law of Moses on the seriousness of vows (Deuteronomy 23:21-23). What rules applied to vowing?
5. Verse 7 ends with what over arching admonition that should govern all actions of the child of God?
 - a) What did Solomon and Peter add to this admonition in Ecclesiastes 12:13 and Acts 10:35?
6. Many people dream of a utopian atmosphere on earth, with many believing human government to be the mechanism through which this can be accomplished. What does verse 8 say about this notion? (notice Solomon’s reference to what we typically call *bureaucracy*.)

7. Why should Kings avoid oppressing citizens? (v. 9)
8. What is “vanity” according to verse 10?
 - a) What did Paul say produces true *gain*? (1 Tim. 6:6)
 - b) What did Paul later say about “the love of money?” (1 Tim. 6:10)
9. What increases with increased goods? (v. 11)
10. Why can't the rich man sleep? (12)
11. Solomon switches from “vanity” to “severe” (grievous or sickening) “evil” in verses 13 and 16. What is the sickening evil of verses 13 and 14?
 - a) What was the sickening evil of verse 16? (see 15 for help)
 - b) Thinking of verse 15, who else spoke of being born into the world naked?
 - c) What did Paul say about this in 1 Timothy 6:7?
12. As we saw from earlier verses in chapters two and three, what “gift” has God given to man to enjoy in keeping with his service to God? (vs. 18-20)