

Questions On Ecclesiastes 7

1. What is better than precious ointment? (1)
2. What is better than the day of one's birth? (1)
3. What is better than going to the house of feasting? Why? (v. 2)
4. What is better than laughter? Why? (v. 3)
5. What is better than hearing the song of fools? (v. 5)
6. To what is the fool's laughter compared and what does this mean? (6)
7. What is better than the end of a thing? (8)
8. What is better than a proud spirit? (8)
9. People often reminisce about "the good old days." However, what warning is issued about this view of things in verse 10?
10. Why is wisdom good with an inheritance? (11)
11. Covetousness (greed) is always condemned in Scripture but what is acknowledged about "money" in verse 12 and in 10:19?
12. What benefit can come from adversity? (v. 14)

13. What “unfairness” sometimes happens according to verse 15?
14. Verses 16 and 17 have been used to suggest “relative” righteousness and wickedness (just “don’t be too good or too bad”). Solomon is actually warning against *self-wise* righteousness and self-destructive wickedness. What did Jesus warn against in Matthew 5:20?
15. The thought of verse 20 is found in several other passages (1 Kings 8:46; Prov. 20:9; Isa. 53:6), but what does Paul similarly say in Romans 3:23?
16. Verse 21 warns against being desirous to know what everyone thinks of you. What are the two possibilities (with negative consequences)?
17. As he does several times in the book of Proverbs (Prov. 5:3-4; 22:14) and as he personally experienced (1 Kings 11:3-4), what does Solomon warn of in verse 26?
18. What process or method did Solomon use to find out the scheme of things? (v. 27)
19. What “1000 women” was Solomon likely referring to in verse 28? (see 1 Kings 11:3)
 - a) How do we know that he was not referring to *all women* in verse 28? (see Proverbs 12:4 and 31:10)
20. God made men upright, but what went (goes) wrong? (29)