

# ECCLESIASTES

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Lesson 7

Ecclesiastes 8:1-17

This is a shorter lesson than usual, but even in this short chapter, Solomon has some observations that hit home today with our electoral system, our judicial system, and the world around us.

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*Let's read Chapter 8 this week and complete the following:*

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1. Consider verses 1 through 5. Who would the wise king be today? Does one exist?
2. Read verse 6. Have you ever had a time when your misery "weighed heavy" on you? What does Solomon mean in this verse about a proper time and procedure? (see also verse 5)
3. In verses 7 and 8, it appears Solomon is talking about someone with a personal struggle. Who, or what, is he blaming for this struggle?
4. In verse 8, what is it that man is trying to "contain"?
5. Can we see examples of people today like those Solomon refers to in verse 9?
6. Verses 11 through 13 apply directly to the world around us today. What is Solomon saying about our judicial system and the tendency to want to avoid responsibility for our actions?
7. What else in verse 14 does Solomon see happening around him that is also observable around us today?
8. After seeing all of the injustice and wicked deeds of the unrighteous around us, what does Solomon command us to do in verse 15?
9. In his final analysis, Solomon describes the awesomeness of God and His creation. What does he tell us about it?

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Let's take Solomon's instruction to heart and give thanks for the life and work that God has given each of us. Enjoy the great gifts God has given you and thank Him for it.

In Christ,

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