

Revere God

July 14, 2013 ~ Ecclesiastes 5.1-7

Overview of Progress

- ❖ Opposing worldviews in **Ecc 1 to 3**
 - ✧ Vain Repetition from **1.1 to 2.23**
 - ✧ Purpose & Meaning from **2.24 to 3.22**
- ❖ In **Ecc 4** we learned to “**Value People**”
 1. Oppression is incredibly sad .. but very common
 2. Envy and greed are just “grasping for the wind”
 3. Solitary existence is a “grave misfortune” . . .
- ❖ We also learned that in community we find
 1. assistance – we can help one another up
 2. comfort – we can comfort one another and be warmed
 3. safety – we can protect one another and stand together
- ❖ Lastly we learned that we cannot look to government / person for salvation
- ❖ Last week was about relating to people ~ this week about relating to God
- ❖ Last week was about valuing people ~ this week about revering God

Revering God

- ❖ Explain the various components of the term from the blue dictionary

Our Text Today Contains 4 Main Points

1. **v1** ~ “**Listen**” for God’s Voice
2. **v2-3** ~ “**Shhhhhh**” ~ To hear God we must regulate our speaking
3. **v4-5** ~ “**Fulfill**” your commitments to God
4. **v6-7** ~ “**Don’t be a whiner baby**” ~ Act honorably

v1 ~ “**draw near to hear**”

- ❖ The Bible says that God delights in us:
 - ✧ **Ps 37.23** ~ “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way.”
 - ✧ **Pr 3.12** ~ “For whom the Lord loves He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights.”



v1b ~ “draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools”

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v2a ~ “Do not be rash with your mouth”

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v2b ~ “let not your heart utter anything hastily before God”

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v2c ~ “For God is in heaven, and you on the earth”



v2d ~ “Therefore let your words be few”



v3a ~ “For a dream comes through much activity”



v3b ~ “A fool’s voice is known by his many words”



v4a ~ “When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it”



v4b ~ “For He has no pleasure in fools”



v4c ~ “Pay what you have vowed”



v5 ~ “Better not to vow than to vow and not pay”



v6a ~ “Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin”



v6b ~ “nor say before the messenger of God that it was an error”



v6c ~ “Why should God be angry at your excuse and destroy the work of your hands?”



v7a ~ “For in the multitude of dreams and many words there is also vanity”



v7b ~ “But fear God”



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Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling,

And to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,
To God our Savior, who alone is wise,

Be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever.

Amen *pause* Go in peace . . .