

(Ecclesiastes 5:1 – 20) SUMMARY

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Bible Class Notes / Supplement

(v1) "Walk prudently when you go to the house of God ... draw near to hear ... "

Enter to hear, to understand, to learn, and to worship.
We need to give God our burdens, but not the blame; so, watch your mouth.

(v2-3) " ... and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God ... "

We tend to see every burden that God allows, but none that He prevents.
"For God is in heaven, and you on the earth" - God knows all about our troubles.

(v4-7) "When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it ... better not to vow than to vow and not pay it"

We sometimes call this "foxhole Christianity."
Keep your mouth shut when your back is to the wall, and keep your faith with God.
Someone says, "Help me, God, and I vow to change my life."

(v8-9) "If you see the oppression ... the violent perversion of justice ... in a province, do not marvel at the matter ... "

Governments never change: one said, "Meet the new boss - same as the old boss."
Our response: 1) trust the sovereignty of Almighty God, you will sleep better.
2) pray for our officials (1 Timothy 2:1-2). 3) submit (1 Peter 2:13-17).

(v10-17) tell us 5 things you should know about money, the dollars and sense.

(v10) "He who love silver will not be satisfied with silver ... "
The more you have, the more you want.

(v11) "When goods increase, they increase who eat them ... "
The more you have, the more you spend.

(v12) "... the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep."
The more you have, the more you worry.

(v13-14) "... but those riches perish through misfortune ... "
The more you have, the more you lose.

(v14-17) "and he shall take nothing from his labor which he may carry away in his hand"
The more you have, the more you leave behind / can't take it with you.

(v18-20) tell us 2 things you need to know about God.

(v18) "... which God gives him ... " our ability to **earn money** is a gift from God.

(v19-20) "... and rejoice in his labor - this is the gift of God. ... joy ... "
Our ability to **enjoy money** is a gift from God.