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**WARNINGS & ADMONITIONS**

**(Ecclesiastes 5:1 – 20)**

**INTRODUCTION** - Yes, we all experience tragedies and reversals in our lives.

**1. (v1-3) DON'T BLAME GOD FOR YOUR SITUATION** (on your own, read: Job 40:1-8)

- (v1) "Watch your step when going before God" - don't act irrationally.
- (v2) "Be not rash with thy mouth" - be careful about complaining.

**2. (v4-7) DON'T BRIBE GOD WITH A VOW** - be careful with your tongue.

**3. (v8-9) DON'T BE SURPRISED AT THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE**

(v8) "perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter"

But the government we have is better than lawlessness; just don't pin your hopes on it.  
Sometimes they help themselves more than helping those they are supposed to serve.

**4. (v10-20) DON'T BE DECEIVED CONCERNING RICHES**

**(v10-17) 5 things you should know about money:**

- 1) (v10) The more you have, the more you want.
- 2) (v11) The more you have, the more you spend.
- 3) (v12) The more you have, the more you worry ("lose sleep").
- 4) (v13-14a) The more you have, the more you lose: "riches perish by misfortune"
- 5) (v14b-17) The more you have, the more you leave: "As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labor, which he may carry away in his hand."

**(v18-20) 2 things you need to know about God:** (on your own, read: Deut. 8:6-20)

- 1) (v18) Your ability to earn money is a gift from God.
- 2) (v19-20) Your ability to enjoy money is a gift from God.

**CLOSE:** Putting God first, thank Him for our work and the enjoyment of its rewards here.