

# Ecclesiastes 7

Neue englische Darby-Übersetzung



- 1 A *good* name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of one's birth.
- 2 It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting: in that that is the end of all men, and the living takes it to heart.
- 3 Vexation is better than laughter; for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.
- 4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools in the house of mirth.
- 5 It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise, than to hear the song of fools.
- 6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool. This also is vanity.
- 7 Surely oppression makes a wise man mad, and a gift destroys the heart.
- 8 Better is the end of a thing than its beginning; better is a patient spirit than a proud spirit.
- 9 Be not hasty in your spirit to be vexed; for vexation rests in the bosom of fools.
- 10 Say not, How is it that the former days were better than these? for you do not inquire wisely concerning this.
- 11 Wisdom is as good as an inheritance, and profitable to them that see the sun.
- 12 For wisdom is a defense *as* money is a defense; but the excellency of knowledge is, *that* wisdom makes them that possess it to live.
- 13 Consider the work of God; for who can make straight what he has made crooked?
- 14 In the day of prosperity enjoy good, and in the day of adversity consider: God has also set the one beside the other, to the end that man should find out nothing *of what will be* after him.
- 15 All *this* have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a righteous *man* that perishes by his righteousness, and there is a wicked *man* that prolongs his days by his wickedness.
- 16 Be not righteous overmuch; neither make yourself overwise: why should you destroy yourself?
- 17 Be not overmuch wicked, neither be you foolish: why should you die before your time?
- 18 It is good that you should take hold of this; yes, also from that withdraw not your hand: for he that fears God comes forth from them all.
- 19 Wisdom strengthens the wise more than ten mighty men that are in a city.

**20** Surely there is not a righteous man upon earth, that does good and sins not.

**21** Also give not heed unto all words that are spoken, lest you hear your servant curse you.

**22** For also your own heart knows that oftentimes you yourself likewise have cursed others.

**23** All this have I tried by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me.

**24** Whatever has been, is far off, and exceeding deep: who will find it out?

**25** I turned, I and my heart, to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom and reason, and to know wickedness to be folly, and foolishness to be madness;

**26** and I found more bitter than death the woman whose heart is nets and snares, *and* whose hands are bands: whoever pleases God will escape from her; but the sinner will be caught by her.

**27** See this which I have found, says the Preacher, *searching* one by one to find out the reason;

**28** which my soul yet seeks, and I have not found: one man among a thousand have I found, but a woman among all those have I not found.

**29** Only see this which I have found: that God made man upright, but they have sought out many devices.