



GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE MIST

ECCLESIASTES GOES TO CHURCH

ECCLESIASTES 5:1-7

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - February 12 & 13, 2022

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Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 (ESV)

1 Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. 2 Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few. 3 For a dream comes with much business, and a fool's voice with many words. 4 When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. 5 It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. 6 Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands? 7 For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear.

2. Give _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Think through the different ways that were discussed about how we might “play games with God”. Which of these do you need to be most wary of? How will a proper view of God help you combat these specific temptations?

2. What are some of the ways you might start to mindlessly go through the motions? How can that cause spiritual problems in your own life, and how can you work to be intentional and thoughtful in the various spiritual activities in your life?

3. **Read Matthew 5:3.** How can spiritual arrogance creep into your heart and mind? How can you direct your heart back to this position of being “poor in Spirit”?

4. **Read Hebrews 12:28-29.** How might your reverence and awe for God be tempted to fade as you go about your Christian life? What from both Ecclesiastes 5 and Hebrews 12 can help you renew those attitudes in your walk with God?

5. **Read Psalm 130:3-4.** How does a right reverence for God actually lead to a greater appreciation for his grace? Choose one verse that emphasizes the grace of God to meditate on this week.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Gibson, David. *Living Life Backward*. Crossway, 2017.
 Wiersbe, Warren. *How to be a Caring Christian*. Back to the Bible, 1981.
 Wilson, Douglas. *Joy at the End of the Tether*. Canon Press, 1999.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that we would treat God with the reverence he deserves.
 Pray that God would protect us from foolishness or hypocrisy.
 Pray that God would be honored by what happens at CBCTV.
 Pray for Winter Weekend would foster healthy community and spiritual growth among our high school students.
 Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
2/14	Exodus 24-26	Matthew 9:18-26, Mark 5:21-43, Luke 8:40-56
2/15	Exodus 27-29	Matthew 9:27-38; 13:54-58, Mark 6:1-6
2/16	Exodus 30-32	Matthew 10:1-23, Mark 6:7-11, Luke 9:1-5
2/17	Exodus 33-35	Matthew 10:24-11:1, Mark 6:12-13, Luke 9:6
2/18	Exodus 36-38	Matthew 14:1-12, Mark 6:14-30, Luke 9:7-10
2/19	Exodus 39-40	Matthew 14:13-23, Mark 6:31-46, Luke 9:11-17, John 6:1-15