

Pastor PJ Berner • Compass Bible Church • March 16-17, 2021 • Ecclesiastes 6:1-9

**Jesus Is Enough**

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 **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Read [Ecclesiastes 7:15](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.21.7.15). What is the paradox that is observed by Solomon in this verse? Have you ever seen something similar? Explain.

1. Read [Ecclesiastes 7:16](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.21.7.16). This command from Solomon, “Be not overly righteous” is almost startling. What did Solomon mean? In light of verse 15, that death can overcome the righteous at any time, what might the king have been warning against in [Ecc 7:16](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.21.7.16)? Think of the modern-day prosperity gospel preachers in formulating your answers.

1. Read [Romans 9:22-24](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.66.9.22-66.9.24). How might you answer a person who asks why God would allow a righteous man to die young while a wicked man lives into old age?

1. Read [Luke 16:15](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.63.16.15); [18:9-14](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.63.18.9-63.18.14). Who was Jesus addressing in these texts? What is the parallel between these passages and [Ecclesiastes 7:16](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.21.7.16)?
2. Though at times the wicked do prosper, this is far from a guaranteed generality. Hence, [Ecclesiastes 7:17](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.21.7.17) and Solomon’s warning to avoid a gratuitous wickedness. Would you agree that in general, the wicked are more prone to die young? What support would you provide for your answer?
3. Read [Ecclesiastes 7:19-20](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.21.7.19-21.7.20); [1 Kings 8:46](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.11.8.46); [Psalm 143:2](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.19.143.2); [Proverbs 20:9](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.20.20.9); [Romans 3:10](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.66.3.10), [23](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.66.3.23). Based on these passages, what is the clear testimony of Scripture regarding both the wise and the foolish?
4. Read [Ecclesiastes 7:21-22](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.21.7.21-21.7.22); [Matthew 15:11-18](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.61.15.11-61.15.18); [12:36-37](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.61.12.36-61.12.37). What area of a person’s life does Solomon turn to in 7:21-22 to prove his point that sin is a problem for all men? Has this been a problem for you in the past? Is it still? What are some practical ways you discipline your mouth to ensure that you are not sinning with your mouth?
5. Read [Ecclesiastes 7:23-24](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.21.7.23-21.7.24). Not only are we limited in our moral capacity, but we are also limited in our intellectual capacity. Read [Isaiah 55:9](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.23.55.9) and [Romans 11:33](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.66.11.33). How have you found these things to be true in your life experience?
6. Read [Proverbs 7](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.20.7) and [Ecclesiastes 7:26](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.21.7.26). While true wisdom may be difficult to come by, folly is different. What snares and nets and traps does this world set for men today? If Paul’s instruction was to flee from these things in [1 Corinthians 6:18](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.67.6.18), how should that look practically?
7. Read [Ecclesiastes 7:29](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.21.7.29) and [Genesis 1:26-27](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.1.1.26-1.1.27). Considering God’s intended purposes for man, what is the indictment leveled by Solomon in verse 29?
8. Solomon deflates self-righteousness and pulls the curtain back on the wickedness of folly in this chapter. What was particularly convicting in your study of this passage?