

Correcting Your Perspective of Yourself

Eccles. 7:9-29

Intro

We looked at changing one's perspective of pain.
Pain shapes us much better than happiness.

vv 9-10 So don't be angry
and don't whine. It is not wisdom that does so.

vv 11-12 Money? Is physical protection
Wisdom? Is spiritual protection. That which really
matters.

vv 13-14 So "consider" the adversity when it happens.
Be teachable.
Because YOU can't remove the day when it comes.

- Do what you can
- Trust what you can't do

And now have a correct perspective of yourself (7:15-24).
None of us is smart or wise enough to always understand what God
is doing.

v 15 Life is not always fair.

v 16 But don't think YOU are wiser than YOU are.
Such pride will bring about your ruin.

v 17 But don't swing the other way and die young!

v 18 Be righteous but also be humble.
At our best we're a long way from understanding God.

v 19 An example: Wisdom can deliver a country.

v 20 But men may not appreciate you.

v 21 But don't let that discourage you.
Because you know that YOU are a sinner and do not
understand God's ways.

v 22 And you don't know any who are not sinners.

v 23 And such was Solomon's experience.

v 24 Life and history are inexplicable.

v 25-29 Solomon said that this was all he knew.

1. Immorality is bad and dangerous.
2. Fear God and run when you must.
3. There is no righteous man. "All have sinned."
4. Because man is fallen. As is this world.
"devices" or "inventions" or "alternatives"

Men "think" they know more than God.