

Ecclesiastes

Do the Right Thing

Ecclesiastes 8

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Introduction:

- I encourage you to read **Ecclesiastes 7** on your own.
 - We have four questions to ponder:
 - Can a person know God, yet not have Him present in their life?
 - Can a person really understand the deeper meaning of life without knowing God?
 - Do we serve a God that is so SOVEREIGN, that He would allow man and his Free Will to do all the evil that he does ... **and YET** ... God can still turn man's evil into something good?
 - Is our God so POWERFUL, that you and I can truly rest in the fact that we know He is in control ... **and therefore** ... we can fully TRUST Him to work any situation to the good of those who love Him?
 - Is your relationship with Jesus, the Main Thing in your life?
 - **Ecclesiastes 7:29**
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1. Do the Right Thing:

- a. **Ecclesiastes 8:1**
- b. **Ecclesiastes 8:2-8**
- c. The basic process that was done in Israel:
 - i. The King would vow to God to do the right thing.
 - ii. The people would vow to God and the King to do the right thing.
 - iii. The nation would vow to God to do the right thing.
- d. There will be times that a nation will have leaders that will break their vow to God.
- e. BUT that does not give you the right to break your vow to God.
- f. Just because you do not agree with a leader, does not give you the right to cause trouble or disavow them.
- g. Why not? Because what you and I see as bad, God may be using to bring about correction in some life, or even the nation.
- h. Remember Nebuchadnezzar?
- i. Do we serve a God that is so SOVEREIGN, that He would allow man and his Free Will to do all the evil that he does ... **and YET** ... God can still turn man's evil into something good? The answer is YES!

2. Karma is NOT Biblical!

- a. Karma is a Cause-and-Effect style teaching.
- b. Karma is not Biblical at all ... You only physically die once.
- c. **Hebrews 9:27**
- d. **Romans 20:15**
- e. If it is not Biblical, why do Christians use this word?
- f. **Ecclesiastes 8:11-14**
- g. **Ecclesiastes 8:7-8**
- h. God is not a genie.
- i. **Romans 12:19**
- j. **Ecclesiastes 8:12-14**
- k. Two Realities:
 - i. One –
 - ii. Two –
- l. **2nd Corinthians 5:1 and 5:6-8**
- m. **Ecclesiastes 8:15**

3. We Are Not That Smart:

- a. **Ecclesiastes 8:16-17**
- b. **Ecclesiastes 6:10-11**
- c. **Ecclesiastes 8:12**