

ECCLESIASTES

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Chapter Eleven

Verse:

1. Cast your bread upon the waters: for you shall find it after many days
2. Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for though knows not what evil shall be upon the earth.
3. If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it shall be.
4. He that observes the wind shall not sow; and he that regards the clouds shall not reap.
5. As you know not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so you know not the works of God who makes all.
6. In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening without not your hand: for you know not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.
7. Truly the light is sweet and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun:
8. But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness for they shall be many. All that comes in vanity.
9. Rejoice, O young man, in your youth; and let you heart cheer you in the days of your youth, and walk in the ways of your heart, and in the sight of your eyes; but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.
10. Therefore remove sorrow from your heart, and put away evil from you flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity.

Vs 1 *'Cast your bread upon the waters for you shall find it after many days.'*
What is he saying here? Cast your bread (word) upon (the word upon is two words *'al pawneem'* pawneem is the face. So literally it is saying this, 'cast the word in the face, or upon the face'. What is in your face? The mind. So where should your words be going? They should be going into the thought process. So cast them upon the face of the waters. The water is the humanity. All of our words should be going into our minds. They are going there one way or another. Are they good or are they evil? Which one are they? Are they God's words or are they words out of the mind of humanity? That is what he is saying here. So he is saying, put your words into humanity. Didn't he say 'where your treasure is there you heart will be

also'? So if I take the gift that God has given me in word and place it in the mind of humanity where might my treasure be? It is in humanity. *'Because you shall it after many days.'* Do you know what that sounds like to me? Reconciliation. If you sow a seed what is going to happen? The word is a seed that you sow into someone's heart. That seed will germinate and it will produce fruit. Isaiah said this in chapter fifty-five, *'my word will not return unto me void, but it will accomplish what it was sent there to do.'* So if I sow the word of God in someone's heart I don't have to see the fruit of that to know that there is fruit. All I have to know is that it truly was the word of God it wasn't my flesh that had anything to do with it. Do you know what it will do? It will bring forth fruit into that life and it may not be in this lifetime, but what do I care because I've done what I was supposed to do. We've got to get our mind off of this 'do-do stuff' and that's where we think we have to do, do, do, do, do. All we need to know is the whole duty of man is to love God and keep His commandments.

Vs 2 *'Give a portion to seven, and also to eight;'* Oh my what a beauty is in this one. What is the number seven? Now it is speaking of seed sowing in this. When you are sowing seed do you think that might classified as a beginning? Eight is a new beginning, but seven would represent the old creation. How many days did God labor? Seven, but on the eighth day was the new beginning. So he's speaking here of the old order plus the new order. He says, *'give a portion to seven.'* Even the ones who lived under the law receive a portion in the Kingdom. Jesus went into the bows of the earth to get them so they receive a portion. He says also to eight, why did he say this? It is the new creation. In Luke 6:38 Jesus says *'give and it shall be given unto you'*, so if we give a portion of ourselves through the spirit to someone else what will happen? It will be given back. We had some people coming to our fellowship here and they were so enthused with the word when they first came and they would spend hours and hours with us. After our meetings they would stay seven our eight hours you would almost have to drive them away to get them to go home, and then in the early morning they would call and say 'can I come over' and this went on for months because they could not get enough of it. They now have gone on to some other direction, but I know that I sowed seed in that. Now what I sowed seed in doesn't make any difference to me because I know that the seed was there, but the condition of their soil is not up to me. All I know is that I gave to that new creation and I know that I do not have to worry about anything else but to sow the seed. *'For you know not what evil shall be upon the earth'*, didn't Jesus say in Matthew 6:34 *to not take thought of the evil because the day has enough evil to suffice itself'* in other words it will take care of itself. So we do not have to worry about the evil. I do not have any concern about evil I know that there is plenty of evil. Do I give credit to some devil or some

demon? No the evil is in the mind of humanity. The most evil thing on the face of the earth is the heart of humanity according to Jeremiah 17:9.

Vs 3 *'If the clouds be full of rain they empty themselves upon the earth.'* Now he is going to teach us something here, he is going to teach us a principle. What are the clouds? It is the people, the first fruit, or the over comers. If they are full of rain (rain represents the word of God) they empty themselves upon the earth. Now he is using an analogy. He says, if the clouds are full of rain they automatically dump themselves, and when they dump themselves where is it going? It is going upon the earth. So that is a comparison to you. If you are an over comer, a son of God, filled with the word of God you can't do anything else but pour it out to humanity which is the earth. That is what your purpose is. The clouds purpose is to dump the rain on the earth. *'And if they tree (representing man) fall to the south (a place of comfort) or toward the north (a place of discomfort) in the place where the tree (or that man) falls there he shall be (the language says 'there he be').* Now what is he trying to tell you in this? We all have a place. So whose choice is it? It is not ours. We don't choose what we are going to do. Now the clouds can't say 'no I'm not going to drop my rain, I'm going to swell up bigger and bigger and stay up here. They can't control it because they have no control. In what he said about the tree or in the overcomer they have no control in what they are going to do either as they are going to do what God programmed them to do. So I wonder who is in control.

Vs 4 *'He that observes the wind shall not sow; and he that regards the clouds shall not reap.'* *If I am looking at the wind, and it didn't say participating with the wind (which is spirit), I'm not working with him, but I am sitting looking. And then it says 'he that regards the clouds shall not reap'.* If I am a spectator in God's Kingdom I won't sow anything and I won't reap anything, I'll just be. There will be no rewards, no nothing; I'm just going to be there. Do you think that I want to go through this life and the hell that we walk through for nothing? I am looking for a payday I don't know what you are thinking. I know that there is a purpose for everything going on in this life and there is a payday coming for it. I am not looking for silver and gold I am looking for something in the spirit. I know that the production that God has set in my life will bring forth fruit. It will come forth whether we like it or not, that is not our choice, God will produce what He wants. I'm looking for that payday and you should be too. He absolutely promised it would be here.

Vs 5 *'Because you know not what is the way of the spirit'.* Now there is the wind. You don't know the way of the spirit, you don't know it. There are those who say

in six months we are planning on having a healing crusade, we are going to this, or we are going to do that. How in God's name can you tell me what the spirit is going to do in five minutes from now? How can they do it months or years ahead of time? I've seen some on television that say they had to stop their miracle crusades because of all the things going on. He said his finances weren't coming in and all the ministries were crying because finances were going to other places rather than coming to the ministry. He said ministries were folding going off the air on radio and television. They were begging for three million dollars so he could get three conferences set up. Begging, begging, and I just turned them off. They are begging. HE said, 'I never seen the righteous forsaken or HIS seed begging for bread.' We do not know what the spirit is doing. He says, '*nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so* (or just like these things) *you know not the works of God who makes all.*' People tell me that they know what God is doing. I have some peeks once in a while and that is the best that I can say. God does not reveal all to us right now. We do not know His total purpose. We can say, 'well I think I know what He is doing', but we really do not know yet. When you find out for sure you will experience it. It will be in your experience.

Vs 6 '*In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening withhold not your hand:*' what is he saying here? Do you know how people sowed their grain back then? You take a step and pitch out a hand full and just keep fanning it. That's how they did it. So what is he saying when he said this. "Sow your seed in the morning and do not withhold your hand in the evening." What did he just say? He said, 'continue sowing, continue sowing'. You have to look at this and think about it. Some might say that you are supposed to sow early and then sit down and wait on it. No, he said, 'keep sowing'. I am a seed sower and wherever I go I'm going to sow seed. It is not my fault if a bird gets it because that is part of the preparation of God. Doesn't He feed the sparrows? So if I go through and drop seed (the word of God) and a bird comes along and grabs it up that had to be Gods provision because the one I was speaking to wasn't hearing it anyway. I'm not concerned that the birds get it. There is enough seed in God's word for everybody and for the birds too. He says, '*because you know not which shall prosper*'. Sometimes when you are speaking to someone you think, man they are hearing what I am saying, and you think, they are hearing it, they are getting it, and in the next minute they say, 'oh, that's interesting'. I usually get up and leave then. When I hear, 'oh, that's interesting' that is generally a key and usually means that they didn't hear a thing you said. Anyway he says, '*you don't know which one is going to prosper either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.*' Whether you sow morning or evening you do not know when it is going to take place do you? Only

God knows. We are just supposed to do what we are supposed to do. Just keep on doing what you are doing.

Vs 7 *'Truly the light is sweet'*. What is light? What did Jesus say? *'I am the light that lights every man that comes into the world.'* How many people actually hear that verse? I am not talking about 'every man', but he end of it, *'that comes into the world'*. Where did you come from? You are either in the world or you are in God, which one is it? So if I am coming into the world where did I come from? I came from Him. *'The light is sweet and pleasant (or good) and a good thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun.'* Literally it should say this, let me read this verse without all the extra-added words. *'The light is sweet and pleasant for the eyes to behold the sun.'* The light and the sun, what is the difference? None. It's a pleasant thing and a sweet thing, a good thing for the eyes. Now is he speaking of those two little round balls in the sockets of our forehead? No, he is speaking of our spiritual eyes to see the true light of God in our lives and in others. Once your eyes have become spiritual, or once God has created the spiritual eye and the spiritual ear there is no reason why you can't see God in every person. I don't care how vile they are you can look through that and until that point you can't. And all you will do is condemn and point a finger at people, but once you come to a place where you can hear and see yourself (I am speaking of seeing yourself in the spirit not just saying, oh I'm a good person because I am saved). I am saying when you can see yourself and you know beyond a shadow of a doubt God has spoke to you and He has shown you that you are a Son, now you can look clearly to get the splinter out of someone else's eye. You have to look through it. It is not easy because they will try to convince you that there is nothing in them that is good. But there is plenty that is good.

Vs 8 *'And if Adam live many years (the word man in this verse is Adam) and rejoice in them all, yet let him remember the days of darkness (ignorance) because they shall be many. All that comes is vanity.'* Now did he say that **some** things come in your life and be vanity? No he said ALL. The word for ALL there is 'kol (kole)' 3605 in the Hebrew. It means A-L-L. Everything that we see in our life is vanity. Why is it vanity? Because it is not reality. In the Living Bible this verse reads as follows: *'If a person lives to be very old let him rejoice in every day of his life, but let him also remember eternity is far longer and that everything down here is futile in comparison.'* Everything here is futile in comparison to the spirit realm which is above us, and that it not an up in the sky thing it is just a realm above us. So everything here, what is it really worth it is just temporal. Scripture says, 'It is made for the using.' It passes with the using. All the things that we value on this earth, all the physical things, are just things that will not last. They are all

temporal. *'All that comes is vanity.'* The word 'vanity' means transitory (that means temporary) and unsatisfactory, or unfulfilling. So everything that we see in this life that we value dearly, that people kill over, fight over, or loose relationship over, or splits families, or marriages is things that doesn't make a hill of beans of anything. It is temporary, unfulfilling, it is unsatisfactory, and it won't fill the void in your life. The only thing that will fill that void is the Love of God in your heart.

Vs 9 *'Rejoice, O young man in your youth'*. Now would it surprise you that it really doesn't say that and that there is a word hidden in there? The word 'young' has another meaning hidden underneath it. This is what it really says: *'Rejoice O chosen, or selected young man'*. Who is he speaking to? First Fruit. 'O selected young man' there is the hidden language. If you look into the language it is there, but it is not in the King James Version. He says, *'Rejoice, O selected or chosen young man in your youth, do what is in your heart.'* Do you know that God knows the things that are in there and He could stop them if He wanted to, but you have to experience these negative things in your life, these bad choices that we make, or we will never grow. If I don't know that something is hot I will pick it up and burn myself over, and over, and over again. I have to learn something. The church has tried to shield you. They will tell you 'don't do this; don't do that because if you do the devil will get you and you will go to hell. They are trying to scare you into being good. I am sorry but that will not change you. The only thing that will get you straight is love. The only reason you come to God is because God loves you. I will tell you that I was the biggest rebel that was on the face of the earth and the only thing that changed my life was because God loved me and drew me. I never knew what love was in my life until He got a hold of me. I was rebel to the max, but His love did something to me. It is the only thing that is going to change anyone. If you do not have the love of God in your heart you will never change. That is what changed me. All the fear of hell never scared me. I wasn't scared of it. I manufactured it so why be scared of it. That is what people do not understand and Solomon is trying to express to us that the only thing that we can do is to respond to the love that God gives toward us. He says, 'We love Him because He first loved us.' There is the only response that you can do. If God loves you, you're going to love Him back. Once He gets to you and He will get to you when He is ready. Most people have been drug through Pentecost while they were still in the water sac, kicking and flailing. When a baby is born to early the call it a 'Premie' don't they? Premature and most of the people in the church has been hogtied and drug to an altar and told to slobber and snot on the board there and God will save you and you will be okay. You see that is not what it is about. There is no love in that. When you tell someone that God knows where you are, He created you, He's your Father, He loves you and when He wants you He will

come and get you. No one here will make you do anything. No rules and no regulations, but we will be here to help you if you need it. When we started this Fellowship in our basement people told us that we could do that while we were there, but when we build the real church you are going to have to get the people dressed up, give them down the line, and make them call you Pastor and have a chain of command such as Deacons and Elders and all that. My comment was; 'I think you missed it, I think you missed it. If God's love is in their heart they are going to do what they are supposed to do even if it is wrong.' You can't take the negative away or the positive will not function. You have to have them both. He said, *'let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth, and walk (or literally live) in the ways of your heart.'* What is he telling you? Did he say change your heart? No, he said live in your heart. In Eccles. 3:10 he said God put the world in your heart. If He put it in there what is that going to do to you? You're going to live like it's in there. Who put it in there? God did. So why should He be mad if someone does something that the 'church' looks at as bad? The church says, 'oh you sinned, oh that's bad'. That is absurd. God put it in your heart so that you would do the things necessary to bring you to maturity and all the church is trying to do is to hinder you from doing the things that bring you to maturity. Do you know why? Because they want he focus on the pulpit and the one that is behind it. They feel the one behind the pulpit is the only one that can get you to God and as long as they can make you believe that they've got you. God is in your heart, talk to Him yourself. People say, 'Preacher talk to God for me, Preacher pray for me.' Pray for yourself. I do not refuse to pray for anyone, but you need to have a relationship with God. Why don't you have a relationship with Him, I've got one. But you see I can't do it for anyone. Paul says, 'Work out your own salvation (literally deliverance).' Work out your own deliverance. The whole world is saved (I hope you understand that), but we need delivered. Why should I endure until the end to be 'saved', I need to be delivered. He says, *'walk in the ways of your heart and in the sight (or vision) of your eyes.'* I can't somewhere that my eyes can see and I can't do what is in not in my heart. Jesus said, *'out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks'* so I am going to speak what is in my heart and in another place He says, *'as a man thinks in his heart so is he'*. If I think like a hypocrite what am I? Most hypocrites know in their heart that they are doing it wrong but they try to put a show on. They know in their heart, you don't have to point fingers. He says, *but you know this that for all these God will bring you to judgment.'* Now here is where the church really kicks in. 'See God is going to put you in hell, He'll burn you for all this stuff' THAT IS NOT WHAT THAT MEANS. He will bring you to justice and when He looks at you He will say, NOT GUILTY, NOT GUILTY, INNOCENT, HOLY, RIGHTEOUS, SON OF GOD. Come on, that is how God will bring you to judgment. He is not trying to destroy

anything God is into reconciliation, bringing everything back together. It is ALL going back to Him. He is not trying to kill everybody why did He create us. My God is very intelligent so why would He create all the billions of people just so He could burn them in Hell. If He knew ahead of time what was going on just so He could torture them, that is a monster. He created them so He could reconcile them back to Him and He could have relationship with each and every one of them. Oh my the church has got it so turned around, but thank God He hasn't let it get away, HE IS IN CONTROL.

Vs 10 *'Therefore remove sorrow'* now that is not all it says, this is in the language. *'Remove anger, vexation, frustration, grief, and provocation from your heart.'* He wouldn't tell you to remove it if it wasn't in your heart. It's in there, but we've got to admit that it is there. We've got to say 'Yeah and Amen Lord whatever you said is in there and I need it out. You have exposed it to me now what have I got to do with it?' Give it up, quit claiming it. Quit saying, 'I have a right to be angry, to be vexed, to be frustrated, to be in grief and provocation. As long as I think that I have a right to be there, guess what, if Jesus had had those in his heart when they took him the night of crucifixion and they started beating him and putting the crown of thorns on his head, stripping him naked and all the things that they did to him, if any of those thing would have been in his heart what would have happened? He would have destroyed everyone in his sight. He would have wiped the entire country out and made it a dust bowl. BUT, there was nothing like that in his heart. We have to come to the same place because we are to be just like him, are we not? Well now that means that when someone does something to me how am I to respond? WITH LOVE. Because you know what you did? You did me a favor. You gave me an opportunity to express God's love that is in my heart. You see if no one ever does you wrong how can you really express love to them. Someone has to do you wrong. I am not volunteering to have someone slap me upside of my head, but I am saying that when does that we must love our enemies and pray for them that lie about you and do all those inexcusable things to you because it gives you the opportunity to show that you are truly a Son. Do you know who it is witnessing to? YOU. So you remove all of these things mentioned from your heart. He says, *'put away evil from your flesh.'* Notice he didn't say put away evil from any thing except your flesh. Everything that is evil is from your flesh. Look in Galatians chapter six and there are eighteen manifestations of the flesh listed there. Everything evil comes from your flesh not from your spirit. It is not your spirit, it is not your heart, it is your flesh. People always want to say that they have a bad heart because they did something wrong, no that is just flesh. Why do you think Paul wrote in Romans, 'it is the sin that lies within me.'? It is the sin nature that is dwelling within me. It is no longer I that does this stuff, but it

is the sin nature that is in me. It is the thinking that is the flesh not the covering on our bodies. It is not that we will never do anything wrong it is that my heart is pure and God knows it. Why do you think He said in the scriptures that David was man after his own heart? He was written to be an adulterer, a fornicator, a liar, a thief, a murderer, and an incestuous man. Now that is a man after God's own heart. What is He trying to tell you? You have the same thing in your heart so why would He think of you any differently if He were no respecter of persons? Let's look at the last line in this verse ten: *'For (because) childhood and youth are vanity.'* Now lets see what it saying. Passover and Pentecost are transitory and unsatisfactory. They will not fulfill you. Passover never fulfilled my life. Pentecost never fulfilled my life. NECESSARY BUT NOT FULFILLING. There is only one thing that I am going to settle for and that is Mt Zion; the top of the hills is it. Passover and Pentecost are good, but they are not fulfilling, they are vanity, transitory, temporary. Do you know what that tells me? You aren't supposed to stay there. The Spirit says, "COME ON UP".