

ECCLESIASTES

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Chapter Eight

1. *Who is as the wise man? And who knows the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom makes his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.*
2. *I counsel you to keep the king's commandment, and that in regard of the oath of God.*
3. *Be not hasty to go out of his sight: stand not in an evil thing; for he does whatsoever pleases him.*
4. *Where the word of a king is, there is power; and who may say unto him, what doest thou?*
5. *Whoso keeps the commandment shall feel no evil thing; and a wise man's heart discerns both time and judgment.*
6. *Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great upon him.*
7. *For he knows not that which shall be: for who can tell him when it shall be?*
8. *There is no man that has power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither has he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.*
9. *All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun; there is a time wherein one man rules over another to his own hurt.*
10. *And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: this is also vanity.*
11. *Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.*
12. *Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him:*
13. *But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he fears not before God.*

14. *There is a vanity which is done upon the earth; that there be just men, unto whom it happened according to the work of the wicked; again, there be wicked men, to whom it happened according to the work of the righteous: I said that this also is vanity.*
15. *Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry; for that shall abide with him of his labor the days of his life which God gives him under the sun.*
16. *When I applied mine heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done upon the earth; (for also there is that neither day nor night sees sleep with his eyes :)*
17. *Then I beheld all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because though a man labor to seek it out, yet he shall not find it; yea farther; though a wisd man think to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it.*

This is a powerful passage of scripture.

Vs 1 Who is as the wise man? Who is the wise and who knows the interpretation of the thing? The word, 'thing' is the Hebrew word 'dabar'. *Who is the wise man who knows the interpretation of the word?* What does God consider wise? It is someone who knows what His word says. God looks upon someone to be wise when they know His understanding of His word or the interpretation of His words. *A man's wisdom makes his face to shine.* A man's wisdom makes him proud, he feels good about himself doesn't he? *And the boldness of his face shall be changed.* What is he speaking of here? You can see this in two ways because it doesn't say positive or negative here. It says *man's wisdom* so I kind of see this in a negative way. In a negative way, I can see this as pride. Which would make him bold or brazen maybe, but in a Godly sense it still makes you bold. Most people can't discern the difference. IF someone is confident and knows what they are saying, most people still read them as an arrogant person. But someone that knows what they are talking about, it will make their face shine when you know about God's word, I guarantee it. You don't have a choice, what else can you do. When you see the joy of God in your life and the joy in other people's life and you have an understanding, and you know that God has given you an ability to give this to someone else, how much better could you feel? You could fill this room with money and it couldn't replace what I felt when I read the letter I received from a man in Washington the other day; because I know I helped him with something in his life. And I may not fulfill the rest of his life in what he hears from me, but I have put something in his life that helped him see a little further, to see a little higher into the kingdom, a little better into the plan of God in his life. Someone else can come along and water that seed too. Who is to say that I wasn't watering someone else's seed? So all I know is that I am doing something to help somebody. Paul made this statement one time: He said, *I would be accursed from Christ myself, if I could win my brethren (his Jewish brethren) to the Lord.* You know, I feel the same way; if I could win all the people into the Kingdom, to the truth, church folk that I've been with in my life, it would be worth the death to bring them to where God has brought me, it would be worth it, because this flesh is going to die anyway, it doesn't make any difference about it.

Vs 2 I counsel you to keep the king's commandment, and that in regard of the oath of God. Now that is not really what it says. Literally it says, *I keep or I guard and protect the King's commandment (word) 'debar'.* *I keep his word.* He said, I don't counsel you; I keep the King's commandment, or the King's word. Who is speaking here? Solomon is speaking but who is speaking through him? It's the Christ. Who is that? It's you. When you read this, this should be the words within your heart I keep the King's word; I guard and protect the King's word. How do I

guard and protect the word? How do you keep it in your heart? By reading, studying, reinforcing, and speaking the word of God right back into you. It is encouraging yourself. You can't read this word one time and put it to memory and never do it again.

I know a man who calls himself a pastor in another county in Ohio, and he said he went to school about 18-20 years ago and for two years he studied the Bible and he doesn't need to study it anymore. And he is as ignorant as that statement was. He doesn't know God, he knows about some words on a piece of paper, and all this is ink on a piece of tree. That is all it is, it's not God. But these words can introduce me to God. I hate to see people like that, especially a man that people look to for some kind of guidance and he has none. He doesn't take enough time to spend with God everyday to know what God wants, or anything about His word. But it said, 'He keeps the King's word and not in regard, but because of the oath of God. He said *I'm keeping it because of the oath of God*. Do you know what the oath of God is? It's in Exodus 20. What is in Exodus 20? The promises. They are not commandments any longer, but when we come to the truth, it's the promises. Thou shall not. They are not a commandment any longer, but they are the promises of God. That's what it is all about because God made an oath; He said 'You will not.' All ten of them. You won't want to because with the mind of Christ in you, how could you think about killing somebody? How could you think about having lust after someone else's property? How could you have envy or jealousy toward anybody with the mind of Christ? Come on, that is the oath that he is talking about that's how you keep it, because I know, I can judge myself. And Paul said when I judge myself I am judged of who? No man. No man judges you when you judge yourself, and you only judge yourself by Christ. He is the standard that we are measured against. So if I measure myself with the standard of Christ, if I have a jealousy in my heart, I can judge myself in that. Do you realize that? It's because I know that that is not the heart of Christ. Is it? Hatred, bitterness, envy, lying, stealing, or anything that you can think of. Are any of those the nature of Christ? Then what should I do with them? Should someone have to come to me and say Dave, you've done something bad, you're cheating somebody. How long does it take you to take to know that you are doing something wrong? It is as soon as you think about it, you don't even have a chance to do it, you already know in your mind, you have already been judged in that thing. So all I have to do is comply with the spirit, that inner guidance system that is in each one of us. We've all got it. You see we have to obey what it is telling us; if I know it's wrong, and then what should I do? Do an about face and go in the other direction; do something differently. That is how I guard and protect and know. If I know God's nature, I can't do anything contrary to that, because all I am doing then is saying, 'No God,

you aren't telling me the truth.' That's when that Billy goat religion comes in.... but....but...but. Come on, that's where it starts. When something is contrary to our flesh and we start trying to justify what we want to do instead of what God says, and we know *justifying is just a lying*.

Vs 3 Be not hasty to go out of his sight; stand not in an evil thing? Do you know what that word 'thing' means? 'Dabar" Stand *not in an evil 'word'*. **W-O-R-D** is what it should be. Stand not in an evil word, what word should we be standing in? Not a good word, but a God word. Don't stand in an evil word, *'Because he that does all that pleases him or whatsoever he desires'*. If I stand in that place of evil, what am I going to do? If I stand in an evil word the words of my heart come from my heart instead of from the mind of Christ; what am I going to do? Anything that I feel like doing. But if I have the mind of Christ and I listen to that heart in me that He has placed within me, what am I going to do? Whatever the Master desires. Not my will, but His will be done. My mind has been changed. That's what Paul wrote. *If the Spirit that dwells in Christ dwells in you he shall quicken or make alive your mortal body*. You know how my mortal body became alive? Because that spirit that He had in Him, is in me. But you know how that made me alive? I recognized it, it wasn't Dave, and it was Christ in me, my hope of glory. And it's not even a hope any longer. Do you know why? It's a reality. I don't have to wait to get glory some time when I fly away into the heavens. He said in Romans eight verse thirty, whomever He called He glorifies. It says He called them, He justified them, and He glorified them. Now did He say He was going to? Justified, past tense, he already did. You've got to come to this and understand that it is a done deal. We can't believe in the finished work of the cross. The cross said, 'It Is Finished!' It said to your flesh and to my flesh, 'You're Finished!' Your destiny is to return to the earth from where you came and that spirit in you will return to God who gave it. That is what that cross says. And everything that has been done prior to that is finished. And everything done since then is just works of the flesh; there is nothing but flesh being worked today. God finished the work.

Vs 4 Where the word of the King is there is what? 'Power'. 'And who may say unto him, what are you doing?' Who can say to God, 'What are you doing?' First of all most people don't have the nerve to say it. If you know who you're talking to, and secondly if you know who you're talking to, you aren't interested in that. With God in my presence, I'm not interested in asking him what He is doing or what He is doing with my life or why is he doing something this way or that way, I just want to worship Him. I can't get in God's presence without worshipping Him. And I don't mean just as we do when we sing and we worship and God's presence comes and weep and we can feel His presence. I don't mean that. I want to worship

Him every day of my life, in every thing that I do, I want it to bring honor and glory to Him. Because when it goes to Him, He is giving it back to you. Everything you do for Him is returned to you. When we give Him honor and glory, it is only going to bestow it back to you. And that is not the motivation to do it, it's just because He is so wonderful. It's so good. I don't even know if you can hear the words that I am saying. It is so wonderful that you can't even put it into words. I don't know how to express the feeling of being in God's presence; there is no word. There is no human word in any language to explain what it is like to stand in His presence. There is no word to say it. We can come up with words that are kind of some way to express it, but they don't say it. The way I say it is, you have to be there to understand it. You've got to be there. You have to be there to understand what the presence of God is, no one else can tell you, and it's not about goose bumps or goose bumps on your goose bumps, or goose bumps on those goose bumps. It's not about that. I am speaking about standing in the presence of God and knowing it is God. It's not about emotions; it's God. God isn't emotion. God has emotions. We have emotion, but God is God. That is why they are two different words, God and emotions. And when you stand in the presence of God, I'm sure you will have emotions, but don't let the emotions be the center point. The center point is Him; He is the focus.

Vs 5 Whoso keeps (or guards and protects) the commandments (or the words of God) shall feel no evil thing. Here we go with emotions again, this word 'feel'. The word 'feel' is not correct, it is the word 'Yada' what does it mean; the Hebrew word 'Yada' to k-n-o-w. *Whosoever guards or protects the commandments shall know no evil, (there's that word, 'thing' again).* What is it 'debar' (word). So it says it this way. *Whoso keeps guards and protects the commands or the words of God shall know no evil words.* Hello! Did you hear that? If I guard the word of God in my heart, I will know no evil word. That means I can't be saying bad things about someone. I can't be speaking evil words out of one side of my mouth and blessing some body out of the other side of my mouth. Do you hear that? There's the difference. We guard and protect it in our heart. I heard this saying years ago when I was first starting in church, 'Garbage in, garbage out.' If you put the word in the word will come out and that is the truth. If you spend time in the word of God, and I know that everybody is not called to do what I am doing, I understand that, but if you will just give God a little bit of time everyday. It's like someone said earlier, he said he was having a good week. What was his reasoning for having a good week? He was reading the word of God. He said I finally got settled down where I can read the word this week and he has been so peaceful this week, I couldn't believe it. It is really amazing, I mean, it really made a change in his life. You've got to have time to get in His presence. You have to spend time

with Him so He can change; When we say, bless, it's not that 'whooooo I got a feeling' It's not that. No, no, no, that is not the blessing. The blessing is the peace that He puts in your life. The boldness that comes in your life brings such a peace. When I'm not listening to what somebody told me and I'm not going around saying, 'Do you know what some body told me about God? Do you know what I tell them? Do you know what God told me? Is there a difference in that statement? I heard God. When you hear God, you won't have to worry about all this stuff anymore. There won't be any intimidation any longer. There will be no fear. You can stand boldly and very peacefully in the midst of all the turmoil going on around you and just smile, **because you know God**. It isn't what somebody tells you about God. I can tell you about God, but it won't do you any good, you have to experience God. YOU HAVE TO. '*And a wise man's heart discerns (literally 'knows') both time and judgment*'. There's a key right there. Most of the church has no clue what God is going to do. Some of them might be, "Well I know that God is going to do this" yeah but when? A wise man knows the time and judgment. He knows when. Now somebody is going to do surgery on someone, they are going to do open heart surgery; well the time is Monday morning at six o'clock. So on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock we're going to set up a little table and we know God is going to have surgery, so we'll just cut his chest open and take his heart out now. What is going to happen? If we were going to do heart surgery on a person tomorrow at 6 o'clock in the morning we say, hey we don't have anything to do, let's just put him on the table today and see what he looks like inside. What is going to happen to him if we put him on that table? HE is probably going to die. And that is what the church does, they do more destruction by running off and supposing that they know what God does instead of waiting on God. If God doesn't tell you to do anything, do you know what you should do? **Nothing**. The church world says do, do, do, and we know what doo doo is and it shouldn't be around us. We need to listen to God. Be still and know that He is God, don't worry about trying to accomplish something, wait until He tells you what to do, and then do it. And you will get it right.

Vs 6 Because to every purpose there is a time and a judgment, therefore (or literally, because, of this) the misery (or the evil) of humanity is great upon him. See there, because they don't know when God is going to do something, and they are just trying to do something, to be doing something, what's great upon them? Misery and evil is upon them because they are trying to suppose what God is doing. I would never suppose what God is going to do. If I don't know what God is going to do, you know what you will find me doing? Absolutely nothing and I could rest in that. I can go fishing if I want to, if God didn't tell me to do nothing else. There's preachers running around town saying, 'Oh, every morning you have

to get up at 5 o'clock and be in the word of God, early in the morning you've go to seek Him while it's early. God is not talking about the time of the day. Time is not important, to God, in a day. Seek Him early in your life. I don't have to get up at 5 o'clock to seek God. First of all I don't have to seek God, Why? Because He is in us. I don't have to hunt God down; He's not lost. IF anybody was lost it would have to be me. It should be God seeking me. The book even says *there is nothing in man that seeks after God*. We don't want God; man doesn't, but the Spirit of God in me wants God. He wants to go back to his father. It sounds to me like because *for every purpose there is a time*, and that sounds like Ecclesiastes chapter three doesn't it? *There is a time and a season and a purpose for everything under the sun*.

Vs 7 Because he knows not that which shall be, because who can tell him when it shall be? Man doesn't know. Why do you think that today there are those 900 numbers that are for these psychics that are ranting and raving on the airwaves so much today? It's because the people of God have been scared to death by the church. These so called prophets and apostles and all those running all over the country saying they are godly men and women, are scaring people to death with their suppositions and telling people what God said and they don't have a clue. And so everybody is trying to seek a word, because the church can't give them a word, because all of this stuff is going to come and happen on them and guess what? They've been telling them for 40 or 50 or 60 years that it is going to happen any minute and it hasn't happened. They've heard their great, great grandparents say it, and their grand parents and their parents say it and mothers and fathers say it, and all this just keeps on going, and there is no end to it. They don't know they just keep putting on another date and they push it back a little bit further. And a little bit more and a little bit more hoping that everyone forgets about all the dates that they prophesied before. That is why there is a problem; they don't know anything about God. They don't know anything about His timing. They are in fear and that is what they are driven by. Fear and the love of money are what they are driven for.

Vs 8 There is no man that has power over the spirit to retain the spirit. The word 'retain' means to 'restrict or prohibit' the spirit. That means that there is nothing you or I can do to stop the Spirit of God from doing what He wants to do. Well then what are we wrestling for? Can anyone give me a legitimate answer on that? Why are we wrestling with God if there is nothing I can do to prohibit or restrain the Spirit of God from doing what He wants? Do you see it as futile? Or maybe as vanity? Could that possibly be what it is? It's just my natural man wanting to wrestle with the Spirit of God. *'Neither has he power (this is about the man) there is no man that has power in the day of death.* No power. If God says it's your time then what time is it? It's time, can you change that? You can't do that. And he

says, *'there is no discharge in that war.'* The word *'discharge'* is literally 'a release.' There's no release from this war. There is no way that I can get away from it in the natural. In the natural, I will struggle until the day I die. Anybody that God has not given a release to, what will they do all the days of their life? They will struggle in this war, there is no release. But see, I know something, and you do too, it's within your spirit. In I Corinthians 2:9 he says, *'Eye has not seen and ear has not heard the things that God has prepared for them that love Him'*. And the next verse kind of takes that apart a little bit. *'But God has revealed to us, by His spirit'* and by His spirit being in you, do you know what He has revealed to you? **All things.**

That's why John could say in I John 2:20 *that you have an unction from the holy one and you know all things.* Christ by the Spirit has revealed all things to you. Now, does that mean your natural man knows them? No, but your Spirit does. That is what I encourage you to separate the difference between. Know the difference between the natural man and the spiritual man. God is not talking about the natural man; He is talking about the Spirit man, and if you get a hold of this, the struggle is over. There is the release. There is the peace of God in our lives. *'Neither shall wickedness deliver those that are what? King James says, 'given to it' literally, 'mastered' by it.* So the ones that are consumed by doing all of these natural things. There is no way; they can't deliver them. I can do all the worldly things in the world; can it deliver me from my struggle? One thing can, giving up. Just giving up and letting God do what He wants in your life, and the struggle is over. It's over.

Vs 9 *'All this I have seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun:* Guess what? He said **every work** done under the sun. Is there anything that He is not speaking of? He is talking about every natural work and thing that anybody could every do in the world. He said *there is a time wherein one man rules or dominates over another, to his own hurt.* Oh God, if the church could get a hold of this one. How many people in church want to rule and dominate your life? That is what church is about, get your ducks in a row and do what we tell you, or we'll kick you off the board and put you in hell. They'll cook your goose right? That is all they want to do, just line you up and make you look like them. God didn't make you look like them. He didn't make you to do like them. He made you to be as individual as your fingerprint. You are an individual and only your maker can tell you what you are supposed to do. I can't tell you what you are supposed to do; I won't try to tell you what you are supposed to do. I can show you what God says and it is up to you and the God within you to tell you what to do. The whole world wants to dominate and control. Why do you think there are so

many wars in the world? It is someone wanting to control somebody else, or their wealth or their possession. Why do you think there are twenty some thousand denominations in the world? It's because someone wanted to control someone in what they thought and make them do what they say. That's why there is division. Why can't you just except people as they are, God made them that way, I don't care if they chew tobacco and run it down their face, or if they smell, what difference does it make?

Yeah, I like to be around nice, clean people, but you know what? There are a lot of good people out there that live in some pretty bad situations. They are caught in situations that we could be in just as easily. In the blink of an eye, one of us could be homeless; we could have nothing and be on the streets just like some of these other people. There are some fantastic people out there if you take the time to get to know them. Just sit down and talk to them. You have to lay your pride aside and reach out and touch that humanity that needs life. We can't sit in here and say, we are all the good people and all the rest of them God will have to pick them all up the best He can. That is what we are to be. We are the ones to reaches out to that humanity that has been disposed of by our society. It's not about all the pretty people; it's about God's people and every one of them is His. If we don't see this; we are just wasting time playing church.

Vs 10 And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: this is also transitory and unsatisfactory. He said I've seen them come to the church and leave; that is what he's saying. And do you know what? When they are gone, when they die, they are buried and forgotten. You see the Holy City is God; that's us. And they come and they go.

Vs 11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men (sons of humanity) is fully set in them to do evil. That is why everybody is running rampant. God's grace and mercy is why they are running rampant. God says I have grace and mercy. And Paul says, '*Should we sin because grace abounds? God forbid, let it never be.* But see, if our heart is already evil, what's it going to say? Aha, a license I can do anything I want to! The law of God is a greater law than any law that was written in the Law of Moses. It is more binding and it's more restrictive, but I love it. God's love has put me into a bond. It's like Paul said, *I am a bond slave of Christ.* He didn't say I'm a servant of God, he said I'm a bond slave. That is what his word meant. The Greek word was doulos (doo`- los) I'm a bond slave. You can pierce my ear; you can put that awl hole through your ear like they did in the first century. And all that was saying

was, I'm His now, I belong to Him. Do you know why? It's because I can hear Him. When you can hear your Master, your Maker, you won't worry about who you belong to. All you want to do is hear His voice; it will change you. Yeah, I know sometimes you wrestle with it, but you know what? If you'll just be still and know He is God, He will change your life. *'Because sentence against and evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the hearts of the sons of men (or humanity) is fully in them to do evil.* Ecclesiastes 3: 9-11 says that *God set the world or that worldly thinking in their hearts so that they couldn't find out the end from the beginning.* God is doing this thing; He is in control of the whole thing.

Vs 12 Though a sinner do evil a hundred times and his days be prolonged, because even I know that it shall be well with them that fear god,(or reverence God), which are reverent in His presence. It'll be well with them; even though they do a lot of things. You know David was a perfect example. King David was a murderer, an incestuous man, an adulterous, a fornicator; you can come up with all kinds of names for him. But you know I can show you in the book that he was a man after God's own heart. He was written up as the best King that they ever had. But he did all those bad things. Uh-huh. And do you know what David said about that? I was shaped in my sins and iniquities. He knew that all the mistakes that he made, he made and learned a lesson from them. How long did it take David every time he sinned; what does he say quickly? 'Father, forgive me, don't take your Holy Spirit from me.' He learned something. He learned that worldly thinking separated him from Father. And He could feel the separation of the Spirit from Him. Even though it was in his heart, he knew that he had done wrong. Mistakes are great if you learn from them. But if we stay in that same cycle of repeating and repeating and repeating, it won't do you any good, you will just go on down. Mistakes are good if you learn from them; they are a great gift; God gave them to us; they are a blessing to us.

Vs 13 But it shall not be well with the wicked; neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he is not reverent in God's presence. What is the life of the wicked? Now I am talking about people here, come on. We have to get beyond this thing. We are not talking about people. We are talking about the wicked. What are we talking about? The carnal mind in us, that is the thing that shall not prolong it's days. Not people that is not what I am speaking of. It would be real confusing here if that is what we were talking about and if that is what is being taught.

Vs 14 There is a vanity which is done upon the earth; that there be (or exist) just (or righteous) men according to whom it happens, according to the work of the

wicked; There are righteous men who do what? They're punished and die for nothing; they didn't do anything and they get punished like a wicked man. And then he says, '*To whom it happens according to the work of the righteous, and I said this also is vanity.*' So there are righteous men that get blamed just like they were wicked and there are wicked men who get blessed just like the righteous. Do you see that in your life? Don't you see people that are doing everything bad in the world and you're saying, My God, how in the world can they be blessed? You see we think they are blessed. We don't know what is going on inside of them do we? The war inside of them is something only they know about. And you see I am not concerned with them; there is only one that I'm concerned with. And that is me. And if all of us were just concerned with the one; just the one; get ourselves lined up then we could be able to do what God wants us to do to manifest His Son to the rest of the world. Until we get there, we will never do anything but bring confusion.

Vs 15 Then I commended mirth (do you know what *mirth* is?) It's joy; it's pleasure. He said, *I commended joy because a man(humanity) has no better thing under the sun, than to eat and to drink and to be merry; for that shall abide with him of his labor the days of his life, which God gives him under the sun.* Joy shall abide with you as your labor. It's okay to enjoy it. There are people who just want to heap up and store up and just hold on to everything for eternity. It isn't going to happen. Somebody is going to take it away anyway. In Psalms it says, '*The riches of wealth take wings like a dove and fly off to heaven.*' The wealth of the wicked is heaped up for the righteous. It's going back to where it belongs anyway.

Vs 16 When I applied my heart to know wisdom and to see the business that is done upon the earth (all the business that has been done on the earth; is there a bunch of it?). He said, *I saw all of this, because also there is that neither day nor night sees sleep with his eyes.* Who is he talking of? Who never sees sleep? **God.** He said, *I saw all the business on the earth,* we know that is God. But I see this also as a person struggling. Someone who has all this busyness in their mind and they never sleep. You know there are people in this earth that literally never sleep? I mean they go and lay down and their eyes close but their mind is running a million miles a minute. And the peace of God that comes by knowing his word. And oh my God, I can't even tell you what it is like, to be able to lay down and go to sleep, day or night. And that is what God has brought into my life, because of this word. That is what each one of us desires. You don't have to tell me whether you desire it or not, I know you desire it. My mind used to torment me day and night. But it can't any more. The scripture says, Here comes the devil and he has no part in me. Hello! He has no place in me. Do you know why he has no place in me? Because I know it; I know that he has no place in me. There is no more

‘Well, maybe I deserve it.’ Hog wash! We are sons of God and we don’t deserve any punishment, and we don’t have to take that kind of torment. We are free people. You know how I know that? Because He said, “*I have set you free.*” I don’t deserve that punishment anymore. Why did He die on the tree? For the sins of the whole world; and that includes you. It includes me, so why should I feel guilt and condemnation for any of that? I don’t, I’m free.

*Vs 17 Then I beheld all the work of God that ‘humanity’ cannot possibly find out the work that is done under the sun. ‘Cannot possibly’, that is what the language says. He cannot possibly. There are actually two words there: ‘lo yakol’, and it means, ‘cannot possibly’ find out. Sounds like Ecclesiastes 3: 9-11. God placed it in their hearts so they couldn’t find out. ‘Yet he shall not find out though a man labor to seek it out, yet he shall not find it.’ It’s not by labor that you are going to find this is it? I can work till my fingers go to the bone and I can starve myself, I can do all the things that religions tell me and I can never have that relationship with God that I want until He chooses. Didn’t it say that we couldn’t restrain the Spirit? We can’t prohibit Him. We can’t make him do anything? It’s all about God’s timing. And when God chooses to reveal to us the things He wants us to know, He will pull the veil back. How many has that happened to? You are minding your own business doing whatever you think you want to be doing and all of a sudden, whew; the veil pops open and something just blows open in your mind. You didn’t ask for it did you? And that is the way God does it. He just doesn’t ask He DOES, because He IS. ‘Though a wise man think to know it, or literally ‘boasts that he knows it’, yet shall he not be able to find it. Do you know how many people stand in the pulpit boasting to know what God is saying? And they are coming up with all kinds of carnal thinking? All kinds of intellectual ways of slicing and dicing and filleting the word, and it has no life in it. I mean they can preach I guarantee you, most of them can preach better than I can. That is in the style of man, if you want to rate them, I am not a fancy speaker, but I will tell you the truth and I do have that. I’m not trying to impress anyone; I am trying to help you. I’m trying to help you and there is a difference. If I were trying to impress you, I’d be saying all those fancy words that you couldn’t understand. It is until He reveals it to us. Paul said it in Corinthians; *He has revealed it, by His spirit* hasn’t He? We are not in the darkness any longer. We’re not in darkness; we are in the light. Now, didn’t Jesus say that He was the light that lights every man that comes into the world? Have we come into the world? Then guess what we have been? ***We have been lit.*** We have been lit by the light of Christ; all of us have been lit, there is no reason for darkness anymore, except for condemnation that has been put on us by religious systems.*

