

# ECCLESIASTES

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## Chapter Nine

Verse

1. For all this I considered in my heart even to declare all this that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God: no man knows either love or hatred by all that is before them.
2. All things come alike to all: There is one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrifices and to him that sacrifice not: and is the good, so is the sinner; and he that swears, as he that fears an oath.
3. This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yes, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead.
4. For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion.
5. For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.
6. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.
7. Go your way, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God now accepts your works.
8. Let your garments be always white; and let your head lack no ointment.
9. Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of the life of your vanity, which he has given you under the sun, all the days of your vanity: for that is your portion in this life, and in your labor which you take under the sun.
10. Whatsoever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither you go.

11. I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but time an chance happens to them all.
12. For man also knows not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falls suddenly upon them.
13. This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great unto me:
14. There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it:
15. Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man.
16. Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.
17. The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that rules among fools.
18. Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroys much good. \_\_\_\_

Vs 1 The word 'For' is literally the word because. *'Because all this I considered in my heart'*. Because of all the things he said prior to this. In the former eight chapters that we studied and I can't possibly go back over all of that today. *'All these things that have gone on before I have considered in my heart even to declare.'* 'Declare' is not a proper word, the word is 'examine'. He said, 'I have considered in my heart to examine all this'. That is what we have to do we have to come to a place where we desire to examine everything. Why is it going on? I don't know, but let me find out. Do you see what I am saying? I have to have a desire in my heart to examine everything that God brings before me. Everything. And he did this. Let's continue, *'that the righteous, and the wise, and their works are in the hand of God'*: So if this is so who is giving them direction? GOD. *No man, or no human man, knows this* (this is the natural man he is speaking of) *love and hatred*. No human man knows love and hatred. It is speaking of Godly things here. There is a difference between worldly love and Godly love. Worldly love is a conditional love. 'If you are good to me then I can love you'. Godly love is this; I love you, I don't care what you do. I don't care what you do to me. I don't care what you say to me, I love you because you are a child of God and my heart is of

God and I love you. I can't do anything else. If all I have in my heart is love then all I can do is love. If I have a worldly heart and I try and put love and hate both in there it won't work. That is why we have the world that we have because it is that mixture of all those things. That is why we have Trade Centers that were blown up and the Pentagon crashed into and even an attempt to hit the White House. This is going on because of the mixture of love and hate in the heart of humanity. And he says you can't have both doesn't he? I am speaking of Godly things. Worldly love and hate you can have, but Godly love and hate you can't have. *'No man knows both love and hatred by all that is before them'*. In the break down of the language it says, *'its in their future'*. So how can they possibly know what happens tomorrow. Can you? We don't know, we don't know what is happening five minutes from now.

Vs 2 *'All things come alike to all.'* Doesn't that sound like what Paul said, *'the rain falls on the just and the unjust, the sun shines on the good and the evil'*? There are good people that are getting the sunshine on them and there are bad people getting sunshine on them also. It is the same in the spirit realm. Things happen for a purpose. We can't try to figure out everything God does, but we can understand some of it. God is doing something and all I know is God is doing it. It is not in my control and there is no one on the face of the earth that can control the circumstances of things that happen. It is God doing it. And we get puffed up sometimes and we may say I know some man has set this up. Well I believe some people set it up too, but I believe God let them set it up. So who is really in control? There are many times in our lives that we say, *'Well I made that decision'*. Did you? Just because a thought runs through the gray matter in the top of your head doesn't mean that you came up with it. It just means God put a thought in your mind and you said, *'Oh that's mine'*. No it isn't. God puts the thoughts in our mind. His purpose will prevail. True or false? If it is His purpose it will prevail and He will set up anything that He needs. *'There is one event to the righteous and to the wicked'*. What's the difference? Good or evil. You see as long as we see good and evil from the point of view of humanity there is no difference between them. It is either God or its good and evil. Good and evil came from the same tree in the garden. So the only way that we are going to separate from good and evil is to get into God. Would that make sense to you? It has got to be God. We can't play the game and say, *'well I like that, so that is pretty good, or I didn't like that, so it must be bad. Who is making that decision? We are ourselves. Anytime that the human being is the one that is making the decision or making the judgment, right, wrong, good, evil, this, that, or whatever. It can't be right. It can't be right, because you can't find two human beings to agree on anything. Can you?*

It is impossible. So the only way that we can agree on anything (and the book says, *how can two agree, in Amos 3:3 except they (walk together) or be agreed in spirit*). The only way we can walk together is by the grace of God and the mind of Christ. How can I think like you and you think like me? By the mind of Christ, the anointing oil. In Psalm 23 it speaks of putting the anointing oil on the head, that is the mind of Christ. If you have the mind of Christ, do you know what you can't do? Disagree. If I have the mind of Christ there is something in there called grace and mercy. When you have grace and mercy and someone comes against you do you know what you will do? You say, 'its okay, you can get mad at me if you want to, but I love you anyway'. Do you know what you usually will do? They usually get more mad, but the grace and mercy is there as a buffer between you and that carnality. So if you have the mind of Christ you can do all things through Him. You can take all the blows and absorb all the shock that is brought at you and you will never retaliate because of that grace and mercy that is part of the mind of Christ. It is not just something we talk about it is something that we live and walk. *'To the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrifices, and to him that sacrifices not: as is the good, so is the sinner; and he that swears, as he that fears an oath.'* He is saying everybody is getting it the same way. I am going to tell you when that Trade Center went down and five to six or seven thousand people that died in it do you think that they were all wicked people? In the scripture it says, *'do you believe that the fifty some people that died in the tower of Siloam, do you think they were more wicked then anyone else?'* No, it was just something that God used for a purpose. You see God doesn't kill anyone the flesh just returns to the dust from where it came and the spirit returns to God who gave it. God isn't killing anyone, He is purifying us and whatever way He chooses to do it is fine by me. I don't care. All I know is that God is doing it and I thank God that I know He is doing it and I am not pointing at some devil or not even some human being because they are just a tool and this flesh is expendable. Thank God.

Vs 3 *'This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, because there is one event unto all; yes also the heart of the sons of Adam or humanity is full of evil'* (there is your key). Do you want to know why there are problems? Its because the hearts of the sons of Adam are full of evil and no one wants to believe it today and the people that is pointing the finger to the Afghanis and the terrorist are just as evil as the ones that did it. They are just subdued to some degree because in their heart today what are they crying 'revenge, revenge, kill them'. It is the same thing that is in the hearts of those that did it. Now how is that going to make anything better? I know this is not a

popular message that I am speaking, but it is the truth. Grace and mercy and love cover a multitude of sin. You want to cover that Trade Center, pray some mercy and grace on some people not revenge. *'Also the heart of the sons of men (or Adam) is full of evil and madness is in their heart while they live'*. As long as you're thinking process lives, or as long as the natural thinking process lives in you there is madness in your heart and it is full of evil. That is the book, but as soon as our thinking process drops off which is replaced by the mind of Christ, the anointing oil on your head, guess what? No more madness, no more folly, no more evil, because two things can't occupy the same space at the same time. So if the mind of Christ comes in what has to leave? The mind of humanity has to go... you can't keep them both; a double minded man is unstable in all his ways isn't he. We can't have them both. As long as the natural man lives he will have these things. *'And after that they go to the dead.'* Solomon knew some things, but I don't think Solomon had the full revelation of everything because I don't think it was time. He wrote words and I don't think he understood everything he wrote, but it made him think. I think now Solomon knows all things.

Vs 4 *'Because to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: because a living dog is better than a dead lion.'* I can roar all I want to about religion and about the bible, but if I don't live it what good is it?

Vs 5 *'Because the living know that they shall die:'* we all know this don't we? So we can't get upset when we die that is part of the process isn't it? It's nothing to be upset about. *'But the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.'* Their memory is gone of all those things. Now he is not speaking about you he is speaking about your flesh man and your fleshly way of thinking. Afterwards our spirit goes back to God it just doesn't vaporize. He is speaking of the natural man that goes right back to the dust. It, (the flesh), doesn't know anything any longer and because the memory of them are forgotten. Thank God.

Vs 6 *'Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy (or jealousy), is not (or literally already) perished.* It's gone it's finished. *'Neither have they any more a portion for ever in all that is done under the sun.'* Once we die the flesh is gone. We will never come back to it. Who wants to come back? My God with all this hell that we live through who would want to come back to this place. There has got to be something better then this or we've all lost it. We are more miserable then anyone if we think that this life is what it is about. Jesus never

walked into his own until after he resurrected and then he walked into the life. That is where it is and we have to do the same thing.

Vs 7 Now he is going to tell you an instruction. *'Go eat your bread. Go your way, eat your bread with joy, and drink the wine with a merry heart'*. Now the religious folk would flip upside down on that one. *Go eat your bread and drink your wine, and that isn't grape juice either*. There is nothing wrong with taking a glass of wine with your meal. I don't do it and I don't promote doing it, but if that is what you want to do, do it. There is nothing in that grape juice or fermented wine that is wrong. The book only says this; 'Wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging and whosoever is intoxicated or made drunk there by is not wise'. It didn't say anything about sending you to hell or doing anything else. It just says you are not wise if you do it because the wine is going to fry your brain. Wine and strong drink is not for princes or kings. That tells me something, but I can't tell you what to do. You make the judgment call for yourself. So back to this verse; he says *'Go your way, eat your bread with joy, and drink you wine with a merry heart; because God now accepts your works'*. The words 'now accepts your works' is that long ago He accepted you. God accepted you the day He created you in His mind. When God said, 'I want a son, I want a many membered son'. That day you were accepted in God. He didn't make you and then say, 'well I made a bunch of them, now I wonder which one of them might be good? Let me shake them out and see which one is good.' Come on now, God didn't do that. When we were created every one of us in the image of God, in His mind we were perfect, upright, loved God and hated evil. He just wanted to prove us because we didn't believe it. This is all due to our doubt and unbelief not because of God. We doubt and we have unbelief in our hearts that is why we are going through this. God is going to prove to you beyond a shadow of a doubt whether now, or after this life, it doesn't make any difference to me He's is going to prove that I am or you are a Son of God. I don't care whether you believe it or not, you are His son and He will show you His heritage, I promise you that whether you like it or not.

Vs 8 *'Let your covering always be white'*. What is he speaking of here? Keep the mind of Christ; keep the righteousness of Christ upon you. He didn't say go out and do anything that you want to do because it's okay because God is in control. He did not say that! He said, 'always keep your covering white' (always). He's saying always be the righteous person. Always be who you really are. First of all you can't be righteous if you don't believe that you are. Because, *as a man thinks in his heart, so is he*. If you do not think that you are righteous you surely won't act righteous. It is impossible because what you

think inside controls how you act outside. I've got to know that I am righteous. I've got a paper written on 'What God Says You Are', and it says about forty things that God says you are. Holy, righteous, not blamable, not guilty, innocent, along with other things, Sons of God, Temple of the Holy Ghost, Temple of the Living God, what is bad about those things? God is not telling you that you are bad, He is tell you that you are His Son and He doesn't produce junk. He doesn't make bad kids; they only think that they are bad. Someone has told them that they are bad. When Adam (with Eve) made the mistake in the garden God came to Him and said 'who told you that?' You see you've been listening to that other voice. You have not listened to the voice of God, if you had you would never believe it when someone would say that you are an old bad person, you're a sinner, you're this, you're that. No, No. When you hear that voice what should you say? NO, NO, NO. But there's some that would say, 'well you know what maybe you're right, yeah I'm bad'. The next thing you know you're doing exactly what you are thinking. *'And let your head lack no ointment (anointing)'*. Don't let anything of the mind of Christ be missing with your mind. Don't let it get away. There are all kinds of erroneous things out there. What is your job? 'My sheep hear my voice and the voice of another they will not hear.' That tells me that that is someone walking with discernment. Someone is walking with discernment to know the difference between God and good. God has only got one -o- in it. There is discernment in it and it has nothing to do with the spelling of it. There is discernment in your spirit and you know the difference between what God says verses what the good idea that man comes up with. There is a big difference and it is as different as night and day when your discernment is heightened. It is literally just having the mind of Christ in you.

Vs 9 *'Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of the life of your vanity: which he has given you under the sun, all the days of your vanity; for that is your portion in this life and in your labor which you take under the sun'*. If you think that this is speaking of a woman that you are married to you are kidding yourself. Enjoy your soul He gave her to you. He gave her to you as an enjoyment, a pleasure, and it should be a good thing. And just as surely as Adam did a good thing and took care of Eve, it was as surely as Christ died on the cross for His woman. So should you, enjoy your woman, but don't let her run the show. Adam messed up and let her make some decisions that is all. Don't let your woman run the show. You run the show and I am speaking of the Christ in you not the woman.

Vs 10 *'Whatsoever, (or all) that your hand finds to do, do it with your might;'* Do whatever you can, do it right, don't do something half way. Do it right.

*'Because there is no work, nor device, (the word device literally is reasoning), nor wisdom, in the grave, whither you go. When you are here enjoy it. Go to the fullest of it. Go for the gusto get it all. God tells you to enjoy it. He has given us this life to enjoy and to grow, and to know Him. Get it all. Why should you short yourself? Get it all, but don't miss the focus. Don't let the woman get in control. Don't let your soul, the gift He gave to you get in control. The word 'grave' in this verse is the same word that every place that it is translated in the Old Testament as 'hell' is the same word here for 'grave'. It is translated more times as 'grave' than it is 'hell'. It is 'sheol'. As an example, if I say this podium is here today, but tomorrow it's going to be a football field. Now would that work? Now these words can't be that diverse can they? There's no way.*

Vs 11 *'I returned'*, now wait a minute from where did he return? Where has he been? He's been in the spirit realm because if you look at this he said, *'I returned, and saw under the sun'*. Do you see how easy it is to read over these words and not pay attention to them? These words all have a kick in them. He returned, that means he had to have been somewhere and has been in the world and if he went somewhere to return from then he would have had to have left this world. He got into the heavenlies, into the spirit realm. And he says, *I saw under the sun'*. When I get in the spirit I can see things beneath me. *'Nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor even favor to men of knowledge; but time and chance happens to all.'* It is not about knowledge or skill; it is about what God has set up. The language has no better way to say it but that time and chance happens to them all. That is kind of a natural way of rendering those words. God is in control and when men don't understand they say, 'well it's just a coincidence'. 'It was just luck.' Do you know what a coincidence is? It is when God chooses to do something and remain anonymous. God doesn't have to brag about anything does He? He just does what He is supposed to do and goes on.

Vs 12 *'Because man (Adam or humanity) also knows not his time:'* Humanity does not know his time. What is this saying? You don't know the day you are going out of here and you didn't know the day you came in. It was not your choice. *'Man doesn't know his time: as the fish are taken in an evil net (or an unpleasant net) and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men (Adam, or humanity) snared in an evil time when it falls instantly upon them'*. Those people in the Trade Center or the ones in the planes had no clue what was going to happen. They knew they were high jacked and they were scared and knew something bad was going to happen, but they had no clue it

was going down when they boarded that plane. Do you think anyone of them would have gotten on that plane had they known that that plane was going to go into that building? Only the ones high jacking it knew because they thought they were doing God's work. This is something that we have to see; we don't know when it is going to go down. All we can do is live for now. I had this thought when I was a kid, and probably every one of you had it if you are honest enough to admit to it. When I was a kid I thought that church was for old folks because that is all that I saw. You see I only went there for the goodies and as kids we all talked. We spoke about how foolish all the old folks were because they didn't understand anything and what they were saying didn't make any sense. They spoke about this God that was so mean, He was going to kill people, burn them and punish them for eternity. I said now that doesn't sound good to me. And they were going to put them in this hell that was so horrible that a monster couldn't have created. Now all the kids talked about this and they would say 'I don't believe any of that stuff do you?' And others would say 'heck no, I don't believe that stuff that is foolishness'. I'm telling you what the kids were saying. The kids were smarter than the parents in that because they parents were caught up in religious tradition. So when I saw that as a child I said, 'I don't want any part of this stuff, let me out of it. So I went my own way. I didn't believe anything that they were telling me. I was scared because they had put fear on me, but yet something deep inside of me said, 'that ain't true'. I never understood why I couldn't believe what they were saying, but you see I heard His voice as a child. I didn't understand it my intellect had not caught up to understand this. But I heard His voice saying 'it is not true'. So what did I do? I went out running in the world because what they gave me was not reality. It was not life. They gave me condemnation and guilt. So I didn't want to go to church. I wanted to do something else. I went my own way and that is what God wanted me to do anyway. And as David cried out 'I was shaped in my sins and iniquities'. All the things I went through in my life shaped me. I am not kicking out anything that I went through there is a purpose for it.

Vs 13 *'This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great unto me.* There is wisdom in it and we are snared at times when we don't know why. Now he changes the context here and he tells you about something. Now in this he is speaking of church, religion, preachers. Think about this when you read it.

Vs 14 *'There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and surrounded it and built great bulwarks (embankments) against it.'* They built these embankments so they could get into the city and

destroy it. Who are you? You are the city of God aren't you the heavenly Jerusalem. Who do you think this great king might be that came against it? The King of Babylon, which is your mind.

Vs 15 *'Now there was found in it a poor wise man'* In the beatitudes it says this *'blessed are the poor for they shall inherit the earth, the kingdom of God'*. It is speaking of this man who is humble and wise and guess what, he *'by his wisdom delivered the city yet no man (no human man) remembered that same poor man.'* Sounds like Jesus going to a cross. There was no respect, no honor. Oh people cry out the name of Jesus, but they don't know what He did. They don't have any clue about the work that he performed and if you think that it was about him hanging on a tree and dying so that I don't have to die, you missed the point. Hebrews 9:27 says, *it is appointed unto man once to die*. So don't tell me that you aren't going to die, you are going to die, everyone on the face of this earth dies. All flesh dies. I am speaking of spiritual things here that people doesn't care to get to.

Vs 16 *'Then said I, wisdom is better than strength; nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard'*. Oh yeah, if you don't have a reputation with fourteen different sets of letters behind your name today (like big television ministries) no one will listen to you. And do you know what, it wasn't the big television ministries that God brought His word through to begin with was it? There were no satellites. There were no television programs or radios and I doubt very seriously if they used carrier pigeons. He was speaking by the Spirit of God and on the day of Pentecost He spoke through one man. One man, and eighteen different languages heard Him without a satellite. Guess what? I don't think our words are contained in these four walls. I think if we speak the words of life they go throughout the air. I had a man call me recently from Arkansas and he said, 'speak some life into the air brother I'm choking on it, there is nothing but death in it'. Someone has to speak life because there are too many people speaking death. You can do that. It will never come from a place of notoriety. You can forget that right now. Those men have too much invested in this, money, pride and their reputation so they won't speak truth. Speaking truth takes it away from them, and their ego has tasted of what that reputation will do. Once your ego sinks its teeth into the reputation it won't let go it is like a pit bull. You'll have to break its jaw and rip it off. Ego will rip into that reputation thing and it will never let it go. You will have to have your jaw broke to get you off of it. *'And his words are not heard'*. The word 'heard' is shama (shaw-mah`), which means to hear intelligently with the intent to respond. There are people who listen to me all

the time and I know in their spirit what they are thinking. This man is nuts!!! He is a lunatic. He is a heretic. Who is this guy he's went off his rocker! Yeah I did and thank God that I got on His course. The mind of humanity can't comprehend the things of God. When I began in this walk with God I couldn't even comprehend where He has taken me to now and I know it is not over yet. You want scary, that's scary, but hang on the ride is just beginning. If I had known back then where God was taking me to where I am standing this day I probably would have committed suicide back then because my flesh didn't want any part of where I am today and it still doesn't want any part of it. No one wants to hear the poor man. I think Jesus dealt with that one he said, '*what did you come out to see a prophet or do you want to hear someone wearing robes?*' \$600.00 suits, robes, what do you want? If you want to see someone wearing robes got to a kings palace, if you want to hear a prophet you will have to go to the wilderness. The wilderness is your Pentecostal experience of testing and you have to go there. Everyone gets their chance.

Vs 17 '*The words of the wise man are heard (intelligently with intent to respond) in quiet more than the cry of him that rules among fools.*' So kings that are ruling their words do nothing for you. If you are a true spiritual man hooked into the mind of God the fool that is ruling has no bearing in your life. That is why you can just walk on and not worry about it. But do you know that if these words or people concern you then I would be concerned that my heart is not in the place it should be. They can talk war; I know war I was in Viet Nam. I've been in war and I know what shooting back and forth at each other is. I've experienced that, but do you know what? It scared the hell out of me when I was back there in those times. But it doesn't scare me any more and if they would come and say here it is you take this gun and go I would just look at them and laugh. I would look at them and laugh. What are they going to do put me in jail? That's where they put the apostle Paul and while he was there he wrote the scriptures for God. You can put me in there because if they put you in prison they have to provide you with all kind of good things. They can't hurt me. You see you have to come to a place where it doesn't make any difference what they threaten you with. It is not easy. Back when I first started there was a man in the Methodist church that I attended that said this, 'Well I'm not worried much about putting on the mind of Christ right now I'll just wait and get saved right before it goes you know.' Oh okay, so I guess he thought God was going to wave a magic wand over his head and he would then have the mind of Christ. It is not going to happen. If you don't learn how to overcome every day by every step that you take in this life, in every step I am learning something and if I am not learning that I am not going to learn at the end. I am not going to get

some miraculous miracle to change me into something else. That is what this life is all about; changing you into what God wants you to be. But if you hear the words of the world I would be concerned about your heart. I would be concerned if I listened to those things that they tell me out there. Let the world pass. Don't look back like he said earlier, 'don't look to the things in the past'.

Vs 18 *'Wisdom is better than weapons of war:* Now what wisdom is he speaking of here. Is it a college degree? No, it is Godly wisdom. Godly wisdom is better than a weapon of war do you know why? It's because Godly wisdom will stop wars. Godly wisdom is love. You can't fight when you are in love. In a natural sense you could say, 'my wife and I were in a fight, but I love her'. Oh hogwash!!! If you love her you wouldn't fight her and the same goes the other way the women wouldn't be fighting their husband if they loved them. That is a worldly thinking process you've got to come above that. It has to come to the spirit realm and in the spirit if we understand this is a Godly thing and we love someone then I cannot do something to hurt them. I can't, I don't have the option to do that. As long as you think you have an option there are two making decisions in your mind and two makes you unstable. It's got to be God. This wisdom has to come from God not from a person. *'But one sinful person destroys much good'*. Do you know what it is? It's the unbelief in your heart. This is the one person, 'I', or myself, is the one that destroys the world. I am made from the dust of the earth and I destroy this world by my doubt, unbelief. Jesus told his apostles, *'the reason that you could not do anything is for your doubt and unbelief'*. It is the destroyer of everything. It amounts to this. We don't believe God. It's either God or it's not. Which one is it? *'Wisdom is better than weapons of war'* (its love) *but one sin*, literally the word is sin, not sinner. One sin destroys much good. It is the sin of unbelief it's myself. When I don't believe what God says I am destroying my earth. You do the same thing when you don't believe what God says. Do you know what people say? 'But you don't understand (there's that Billy Goat religion). But, but, but. That is the very thing that does it. A wise faithful servant does one thing. He obeys. Why do you think he says in his word, *'its better to have obedience than sacrifice.*