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Ecclesiastes

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 5:1-6

King Solomon of Israel who wrote the book of proverbs also wrote the book of Ecclesiastes and Songs of Solomon. The king lived a very luxurious extravagant life and then concludes that all of it was vanity (meaningless). In chapter 5 of this book, the wise king says, “Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil. Do not be rash with your mouth, and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For *He has* no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed— better not to vow than to vow and not pay.



King Solomon lived against God and wasted his years in the pleasures of sin. At last he concludes that all is vanity. But dear children, we are created by God for a purpose. We have to manifest the character of Jesus and fulfill His will in our life. When we do so, our life will never be meaningless. When we go to church, we have to go with the fear of the Lord with orderliness and discipline. When we read the bible, pray, worship and hear the word of God preached, we should never do it with a playful attitude. We should give our complete attention. To vow is to promise to do something for God counting all His blessings that He has bestowed upon us. What can we give to God who created the heavens and the earth? When we vow to do something, we have to fulfill it. We should not deceive God.

“But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.” Jonah 2:9

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we truly love You. Not just while going to church, at all times we will live with the fear of the Lord. Amen

