

Eccles Chap 8  
"Content With God's Authority"  
Series: Simple Life With  
Solomon

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Notes: 1. Introduction

- a. Eccles 8:17 Know it all? always something more to discover & know
  - no one on earth knows everything
  - even Satan does not know all things
- b. God however knows all things
  - see Job chap 38-41

2. Accept God's authority

- a. government authority
  - Eccles 8:2a, 4
- b. natural laws of physical world
- c. Family unit - husband & wife
  - Gen 1:27-28, 2:23-24; 1 Cor 11:8-9, 11

3. Accept difficult facts of life

- a. Reality - facts of life
  - Eccles 8:5 wise man understands both decisions & times
- b. God knows the future
  - Eccles 8:7 ~~= 2 Pet 3:16~~

c. Every event is a judgment in time <sup>Eccles 8:6</sup>

A. Accept difficult things to understand

- a. Eccles 8:8 - people live, people die - humans have no control <sup>life or death</sup>
- b. 2 Pet 3:16 Paul wrote things hard to understand (even Peter)
- c. Good & bad things happens to both just men & wicked men
  - Eccles 8:14

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4d. God understands people's hearts

- Job 40:11-12 can any human bring proud person low or or humble a proud person?

e. Only God can shorten or prolong days in person's life

- Prov 10:27 Fear of the Lord prolongs life but years of wicked's life shortened
- Ps 90:12 Teach us to number our days

f. Balance in lives

- God's view = Rom 3:23 for all have sinned
- Man's view = I'm not such a bad person
  - x It's just shading the truth
  - x It was not such a bad thing
- Example of cross stitch
  - x back side: confusion of colors
  - x front side: beautiful picture or clear pattern

5. Conclusion

a. Fear God & trust Him

- Eccles 8:12 well with man's soul who fears God

b. God will not prolong wicked man's days

- Eccles 8:13 not well with wicked man's soul

c. All works of righteous man or wise man in God's man

- Eccles 9:1 consider this in your heart

d. Contentment

- Philp 4:11 Contentment (satisfied) in whatever state I am
  - x Contentment in Christ (security) not same as fatalism (I cannot change anything - I won't do anything)
- Heb 13:5 content with such things as I have
  - x Means happy with little or much
  - x Not angry about life circumstances
- 1 Tim 6:6 godliness with contentment great gain