

THE ULTIMATE ABSURDITY OF LIFE Ecclesiastes 7:15-29

I. **An absurdity of life (15).**

Ecclesiastes 8:14: There is a vanity which occurs on earth, **that there are just men to whom it happens according to the work of the wicked; again, there are wicked men to whom it happens according to the work of the righteous.** I said that this also is vanity.

Psalm 73:3: For I was envious of the boastful, **when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.**

II. **Absurd reactions to the absurdity of life (16-18).**

A. **Do not be fake (16).**

Romans 12:3: For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, **not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think**, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

B. **Do not be ungodly (17-18).**

Psalm 55:23: But **You, O God, shall bring them down to the pit of destruction**; bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; **but I will trust in You.**

III. **Accurate reactions to the absurdity of life (19-22).**

A. **Be wise (19-20).**

Romans 3:23: for **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God.

1 John 1:8: **If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves**, and the truth is not in us.

B. **Be careful (21-22).**

Psalm 109:28-29: **Let them curse, but You bless**; when they arise, let them be ashamed, but let Your servant rejoice. **Let my accusers be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own disgrace** as with a mantle.

IV. **Reflective reaction to the absurdity of life (23-24).**

Romans 1:22: Professing to be wise, **they became fools.**

Job 28:12: But **where can wisdom be found?** And where is the place of understanding?

V. **Theological reaction to the absurdity of life (25-29).**

Proverbs 30:20: This is the way of an **adulterous woman**: She eats and wipes her mouth, and says, **"I have done no wickedness."**

Job 33:23: If there is a messenger for him, **a mediator**, one among a thousand,
to show man His uprightness.