Ecclesiastes - Commentaries by Paul J. Pascoe

CareLines: Volume 2, Remember: 3

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ECC 9:15

No man remembered.

Eccles. 9:15

Even good deeds are often forgotten. In our verse today a poor wise man delivered a city from enemies through his wisdom. But after it was all over “no man remembered that same poor man.” It is often so with us. We tend to forget what the Lord Jesus did at Calvary to save us. We get so busy with the affairs of this life that the Savior is forgotten. Let it be our personal, special prayer that we never forget what Jesus went through in order that we could go to heaven.

CareLines: Volume 7, Trials

In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider.

Ecclesiastes 7:14

Sometimes God speaks by taking things away. Often, when we are experiencing a time of plenty, we don’t give God the place that He should have in our lives. And so He speaks to us by taking things away. We need to listen to Him when He speaks like this.

CareLines: Volume 7, Creation

Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

Ecclesiastes 7:29

Paul said, “The world by wisdom knew not God.” God made everything perfect. Man spoiled it. God made everything in balance. Man upsets the “balance of nature” through wanton destruction and advancement. God made everything beautiful. Man causes pollution. God made the world with a perfect environment. Man now is nervous and trying to “save the earth.” Those who belong to the Lord are now looking for Him to come and set everything right. Only He can.

CareLines: Volume 7, Blessing

Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof.

Ecclesiastes 7:8

The psalm-writer said, “Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.” Blessing comes from trial. Joy comes after the tears. “Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.” Flowers grow up after the rain. Strength comes from sorrow. Look up, my friends, there is a rainbow. Don’t despair. God wants to help you learn and to bless you.

CareLines: Volume 3, Troubles

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In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider.

Ecclesiastes 7:14

Here’s something to think about. Let’s thank the Lord when we have plenty. But if He chooses to take it away - what then? Consider! Think! Be concerned that God is speaking to you! Job knew what this was all about. His response, when he lost everything, was, “The Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.” Can we give thanks to God in EVERY situation?

CareLines: Volume 3, Perversion of Justice

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If thou seest . . . violent perverting of . . . justice . . . marvel not . . . for He that is higher than the highest regardeth.

Ecclesiastes 5:8

We have all experienced a certain amount of perversion of justice. Don't be surprised. Think back to the worst perversion of justice that has ever occurred. Remember Gabbatha? Jesus was condemned to death. Why? Because the leaders were jealous of Him. Remember that God notices everything. No mistreatment has ever escaped His eye. Restitution WILL come - in His time.

CareLines: Volume 2, Talking

ECC 5:2

Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God.

Eccl. 5:2

I saw a cartoon once of ex-President Nixon with his mouth open and footprints across his tongue! Consider before you speak. Think about what you will say before you say it. Talk is cheap. But the after-effects can be VERY costly. Another aspect of the verse is - don't make promises or commitments (vows, if you will) that you can't keep or wish very much that you'd never made.

CareLines: Volume 2, Contentment: 1

ECC 4:6

Better is a handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit.

Eccl. 4:6

Frustration is the opposite of contentment. Solomon's wisdom tells us that to be content with a little is so much better than to be rich but frustrated and with troubles. One of the more difficult things to resist today is the desire for more. You may have to find out on your own that to be full of this world's goods does not fill your heart. Only Christ can do that. Be content with what the Lord has given you and be filled with Him.

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