

2. Heaven, Comfort, Authority, Satisfaction, Mercy, See God, Be the Children of God, What is Christ's is Ours, Honor (Matthew 5:1-12)

- When we pray for blessing for each other we are saying Biblically: "Let them be poor in spirit, mourning, meek, hungry and thirsting for righteousness, merciful, pure, peacemakers and persecuted."
- We can never be happy living self-centered lives.
- What is Christ's is ours (compare Numbers 18:20)

3. Revealed Truth (Matthew 13:16; Luke 10:23)

4. The Best is Yet to Come (Luke 6:21)

5. Serving God is its Own Reward (Luke 11:28)

6 . Fed and Served by the Master (Luke 12:37)

7. Forgiven (Romans 4;; Revelation 14:13)

8. Eternal Life (Revelation 22:14;

F. E. Marsh has listed some of these blessings:

1. An acceptance that can never be questioned. (Eph. 1:6).
2. An inheritance that can never be lost (I Peter 1:3-5).
3. A deliverance that can never be excelled (2 Cor. 1:10).
4. A grace that can never be limited (2 Cor. 12:9).
5. A hope that can never be disappointed. (Heb. 6:18, 19).
6. A bounty that can never be withdrawn. (1 Col. 3:21-23).
7. A joy that need never be diminished (John 15:11).
8. A nearness to God that can never be reversed (Eph. 2:13).
9. A peace that can never be disturbed (John 14:27).
10. A righteousness that can never be tarnished (2 Cor. 5:21).
11. A salvation that can never be canceled (Heb. 5:9).

Ecclesiastes Chapter 5

When You Go to God's House, vs. 1-8

Solomon's Watching people in their spiritual activities. What am I doing?

1. Be Careful ("keep thy foot")

with care Watch your step ... Be aware Traps to fall in mechanics and formalism ...

2. Be Ready to Hear ("and be more ready to hear, ")

prepare before going "prudent" .. ready to hear

keep God actively involved in our lives ... Go to the house if God ... Are we actively submitted to God? Going to church is a part of this submission

3. Do Not Sacrifice like Fools ("than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.")

That somehow the form of religion pleases God. Or the multitude or beauty of words in prayer pleases God. Or any religious action but a heart far from God pleases God.

4. Do Not be Hasty with Your Words , vs. 2-3

- Do we really think God is impressed with our much speaking? Not impress, but "pour out your heart to God".
- Elijah's prayer on Mt. Carmel versus false prophets

5. Do not be Hasty with Your Vows , vs. 4-5

- Vows are not required here, but God is listening when we make them.

6. Do not be Dishonest with Your Vows , vs. 6-7a

- “angel”: messenger; preist, preacher
- “it was an error”: it was a mistake; I should not have made this vow in the first place and therefore should not keep it
- dishonesty; mockery of God (Galatians 6:7)

7. Fear God Above All, vs. 7b-8

- We are to keep down the fear of man. Set God before us
- Is Worship and specifically church attendance all about me and my felt need? We should come for HIM! Fear God and reverence Him. Hold in high regard. The unrighteous: Romans 3:18

The Vanity of Riches, v. 9-17

1. Love Silver = Not Satisfied with Silver, vs. 9-10

MHC “The king needs the common things of life, and the poor share them; they relish their morsel better than he does his luxuries.”“

2. What Good is Beholding? , vs. 11

- Counting Money over and over

3. Sweet Sleep , vs. 12

- The sleep of the labourer is sweet, not only because he is tired, but because he has little care to break his sleep.
- Adding and Borrowing Trouble

4. Where is the Profit?, vs. 13-17 (naked shall he return, you can’t take it with you.)

The Conclusion to Increase, vs. 18-20

- Eat, Drink and Enjoy Life. Compare with Ecclesiastes 2:24-26 and Ecclesiastes 9:7-10
- “that which I have seen...”, (inferred “under the sun”): You worked for it, enjoy it
- Do we have a problem when someone that has worked hard, enjoys the fruit of his labor? Do we begrudge him? “amiable”, “looks good in the eyes of men.” Good and comely; good or comfortable to man’s self, and comely or amiable in the eyes of other men, as penuriousness is base and dishonourable.
- We must not view our calling as a drudgery, thankful enjoyment
- “this is the gift of God”: Riches ought to be received of God and to be used for His glory.
- “It is his portion” – for the FAITHFUL BELIEVER, he has a much greater portion: in Heaven!

Rewards of the Faithful Believer

- Our Portion? (Ecclesiastes 2:21; 3:22; 5:18 ; 5:19)
- The Unfaithful (Revelation 22:12)

1. BLESSING (Psalm 68:19)

Happy; enjoying spiritual happiness and the favor of God; Spiritually Prosperous, consecrating by prayer; The divine favor is the greatest blessing. Psalms 2:12; Psalms 84:4 ; Psalms 106:3 ; Psalms 119:1 ; Psalms 119:2