

3 LIFE UNDER THE SUN #2; Chs 8 to 10: Authority & Injustice; Wisdom & Folly

Chapter 8 vs 2 – 17. **Authority** cf: Rom 13 vs 1-7; 1 Pet 2 vs 13-17 (25); Tit 3 vs 1-2(9) Heb 13 v 17; but also Acts 5. 29
Q 1: For the most part, we are to obey our leaders. How, then, are we justified in standing up for injustice in government and laws? If we be pilgrims in this world, does it matter to us? If it does matter, than what are the governing factors of our behaviour? Should we ever take up arms in the cause of justice and righteousness?

Chapter 9 vs 1-6 : **Fatalism, Serendipity, Fortune, Luck : the Destiny of Mankind & Ultimate Reward**

Q 2: What is the use of planning anything at all, given these fates and vagaries of life? cf: Prov 3; Prov 16 vs 1-9

Chapter 9 vs 7-16 : **The Way of Wisdom and Understanding**

Q 3: What does this passage teach us about our stance in life towards 'success and failure', and towards good and bad things that happen? Where be the LORD in all of these things? Why do people reject God in times of evil events? What is our message to such people when they rail against God or the very notion of a God?

Chapter 9 v 17 - 10 v 4: **Wisdom versus Folly**

Q 4: Some colourful examples and contrasts! Pithy statements. What examples do we have that relate to these?

Chapter 10 v 5 - 10 v 7: **Another Evil – Fools in High Places**

Q 5: Can you relate incidents now or in the past that relate to these verses? What was the final outcome?

Chapter 10 vs 8-15: **Wisdom Versus Folly**

Q 6: More pithy sayings; What do they tell us about life and our approach towards our own actions? (cf Alexander Pope – Fools rush in where Angels Fear to Tread..) What messages are contained within these verses?

Chapter 10 vs 16-17 & 20: **Woes and Blessings of having Proper Rulers**

Q 7: Why do you think the Preacher is advocating high-born rulers instead of low-born? What dangers are there in criticising Rulers?

Chapter 10 vs 17-19: **More Pithy Sayings**

Q 8: Discuss these sayings.