

INTRODUCTION

- * Last week, we considered the call to Remember Your Creator in Your Consideration of Others. In that study, we saw that we need to consider the value and needs of the oppressed, our neighbors and those who are "alone" chiefly because they are created by God in His image and likeness - just as we are!
- * In the study, we reviewed again that the greatest command is to love YHWH our God with all of our heart, soul and strength ... and that the second is like unto it: to love our neighbors as ourselves.
- * So, it makes sense that after our consideration of our approach towards others that we would consider our approach to God Himself. It almost seems redundant to declare that we need to Remember Your Creator in Your Approach to God ...who is Your Creator! But, sadly, it is a truth of which many "Christians" need to be reminded.
- * In Ecclesiastes 5, Solomon again speaks truth mixed with his flawed fatalistic philosophical outlook. Lord willing, we will be considering the need to Remember Our Creator in Our Approach to God in the Presence of God and in Our Promises to God.
- * The theme throughout these verses is the important of our words. As Jesus declared, "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. (Luke 6:45)

INSTRUCTION

I. IN THE P_____ OF GOD (v. 1-3)

A. When Entering the House of God (v. 1-2)

1. G_____ (v. 1; cf. Exodus 3:2-5; Joshua 5:13-15; Psalm 119:57-60)
2. D_____ (v. 2; cf. James 1:19-22; 3:1-2; Hebrews 13:15-16)

B. When Speaking to God (v. 2-3)

1. NEGATIVELY (v. 2-3)
 - a. DO NOT be R_____
 - b. DO NOT be R_____ (cf. Proverbs 10:19; Matthew 6:7-8)
2. POSITIVELY (v. 2)
 - a. DO BE R_____ (cf. Matthew 6:9-13; Revelation 4:10-11; Matthew 2:11)
 - b. DO BE R_____ (cf. John 17:3; 1 Peter 5:6-7)

II. IN YOUR P_____ TO GOD

A. Do Not Be Hasty in Your Promises (v. 2, 6; Numbers 30:16; 1 Samuel 14:24-25)

1. THE R_____ OF YHWH
2. THE E_____ OF JESUS (cf. Matthew 5:33-37)

B. Do Not Delay in Keeping Your Promises (v. 4-7; Psalm 22:25; 50:14; 66:13-14)

1. NO EXCUSES!
2. FEAR GOD!

INTROSPECTION

- * How do you "approach" coming to worship God on Sundays?
- * Are you Remembering Your Creator - and Savior - on a daily basis? Or, is He no where in your focus?
- * When you pray is there an understanding that YHWH is your Creator, your Savior, your Judge and your Shepherd?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How do we balance our approach to YHWH as both the Sovereign King of the Universe (who created us) and our Heavenly Father (who adopted us)?
- * Factor into this discussion, how the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ shows the posture of the saints around the throne of God (Revelation 4-5).