

# SERMON OUTLINE Ecclesiastes 5:13-20

Grievous Evils and God's Goods

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **GRIEVOUS EVILS**

*Riches Lost (13-14)*

*Naked In and Naked Out (15-16)*

*Life Is Hard (17)*

### **GOD'S GOODS**

*Eat, Drink and Toil (18)*

*Wealth, Possessions, and Power (19-20)*

## **CONCLUSION**

1. *Pray*
2. *Forsake*
3. *Trust*
4. *Obey*
5. *Gather*

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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The big ideas of this sermon are that God is the only thing that truly satisfies and God's grace is the only thing that enables us to be satisfied in Him and the things He gives. The main takeaways are to seek our satisfaction in God alone and contentment in all things through Him.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Is Mother's Day typically a day of encouragement or discouragement to you? Why?
3. How would you describe the most important aspect of mothering?
4. What do you want most in life? How does that desire show up in your life?
5. What kinds of things truly make you sick to your stomach?
6. Which of the three grievous evils would you least like to experience? Have you experienced any of them already?
7. How much of our lives would be given back to us if we could learn to be properly sickened by the evil, futile pursuit of happiness through stuff?
8. Which of God's goods do you most wish you had and enjoyed? Which do you already have and enjoy?
9. Are you content with the lot God has for you? Why/not? How does your answer show up in your life?
10. Where are you like the first man (the one in vs.13-17) and where are you like the second (the one in vs.18-20)?
11. Which of the means of Grace listed in the conclusion do you need to give yourself to in greater measure?
12. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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13. Pray. Humble yourself before God acknowledging that He is God and you are not and that you know you need His help.
14. Trust. God's ways are always immeasurably higher than ours. Trust God for His ways, gifts, and timing.
15. Obey. Give yourself to the Spiritual disciplines established by God: Bible intake, prayer, worship, evangelism, serving, stewardship, fasting, silence and solitude, journaling, and learning.
16. Gather. Gather with other believers in order to be built up, corrected, mutually encouraged, focused, instructed, and loved. Be at Church every week. Go to DG every week. Share prayer requests regularly. Invite others to join you in ministry.
17. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
18. Pick one specific thing you mean to do differently, with the Spirit's help, as a result of the things you heard in this text/sermon.

## PRAYER POINTS

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19. Adoration. Praise God for being gracious. Praise God for being good. Praise God for the fact that everything belongs to Him. Praise God for being the giver of life. Praise God for being full of joy and satisfaction. Praise God for all His works.
20. Confess. Confess love of money, money wasted on holding onto your beloved money, believing the lie that you can take your money with you, and for hoping in money more than God. Confess your pride.
21. Thanksgiving. Thank God for saving you from grievous evils and giving you His goods in Jesus. Thank God for your food, drink, and work. Thank God for your lot. Thank God for giving you joy, peace, and satisfaction. Thank God for salvation.
22. Supplication. Ask God to grant you grief over and repentance of your sins. Ask God to help you see His infinite glory and yourself in light of it. Ask Him to help you receive the gospel in faith. Ask Him to help you see that He alone can satisfy.