

SERMON OUTLINE Ecclesiastes 10:16-20

The Preacher's Proverbs Concerning Kings

INTRODUCTION

THE PREACHER'S PROVERBS CONCERNING KINGS

Avoid: Bad Kings Who Are Too Immature and Selfish (16)

Seek: Good Kings Who Are Noble, Appropriate, and Sober (17)

Avoid: Bad Kings Who Are Lazy and Indolent (18)

Seek: Good Kings Who Use things Properly (19)

Avoid: Thinking or Speaking Bad about Kings (20)

CONCLUSION

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this passage is that wisdom is needed to rule and be ruled under the sun. The main takeaways are to learn that wisdom and to look to God as the one true King.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. In your own words, what is the purpose of the government? What makes for a good governor and citizen?
3. Would you prefer to live under a king or within a democracy? Why?
4. Is it more important for a ruler to be wise or moral? Why do you think that?
5. Which aspects of God's nature are most closely tied to good kings, presidents, governors, and dads?
6. According to this passage, what are some of the differences between a good feast and a bad feast?
7. Have you experienced more hardship through things people have done or not done?
8. Do you tend to struggle with doing things God prohibits or not doing things He commands?
9. Which of these stands out to you the most: Everything in its proper place, at its proper time, or for its proper purpose? Which tends to be the easiest and most difficult for you to live out? Which is the most important for rulers to get right?
10. Bread, wine, and money...what are your thoughts on each?
11. What does your current visa statement say about what's most important to you?
12. How does Romans 13:1-2 factor into how you think, talk, and act regarding government? What other verses shape you?
13. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

14. Read a book on political thought/engagement from a Christian perspective. Consider [A Student's Guide by Hunter Baker](#), [How Should We then Live by Francis Schafer](#), [Politics by Wayne Grudem](#), or [The City of God by Augustine](#).
15. Do a careful study of Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Timothy 2:1-4 and their teaching on Christians and government.
16. Write a letter to your political leaders letting them know that you are praying for them and would love to talk to them.
17. Check out the [Minnesota Family Council website](#) for articles on Christian political involvement and ways to be involved.
18. Share the gospel with someone.
19. Find one way to lead better; more for God's glory, more consistent with His word, and more for the benefit of those you lead.
20. Have a good feast.
21. 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.
22. 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

23. Adoration. Praise God that He is eternally sovereign, wise, and good. Praise God that He is always working and always works for the right reasons and in the proper time. Praise God that He is entirely praiseworthy. Praise God for giving us Jesus.
24. Confess. Confess bad leadership and followership. Confess misuse of bread, wine, and money. Confess laziness and neglect. Confess a failure to think and act biblically about politics. Confess hope in government over God.
25. Thanksgiving. Thank God for leading well and giving us the leaders we need. Thank God that He is the one true King.
26. Supplication. Ask God to cause our political leaders to fear Him and allow us to lead peaceful and quiet lives, godly and dignified. Ask God to bless the Christians around the world who face political persecution or a lack of political protection.