



# Ecclesiastes

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## Lesson 11 Study Notes – Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

### Pray

### Reflect

1. As we begin **chapter 5**, we will see God is back in the picture. Solomon gives us some thoughts on how to worship God reverently, in the here and now (under the sun). **Read verses 1-7.**
2. What two commands do we find in verse 1?
  - A.
  - B.
3. In your own words, what is Solomon counseling us to do in verse 1?
4. When we come into God's presence (house of God), it is to hear, more than to speak. In the Hebrew, "to hear" has a double meaning... to pay attention and to obey. How does this meaning relate to **1 Samuel 15:22**?
5. According to **verses 2-3**, do not do what, or you will be considered a fool?
6. According to **verses 4-7**, when you worship God, what 3 things should you keep in mind?
  - A.
  - B.
  - C.
7. God does not take broken vows lightly (**v6**). A broken vow may incur his judgment on your works. In light of this truth, what wisdom do you glean from Psalm 15:4?
8. According to **verse 7**, it is a multitude of dreams and many words that cause a person to make a vow and this is vanity. To keep from being the fool and making a vow that you can't keep, Solomon counsels us to do what?

9. What does it mean to fear God?

### **Respond**

**1. Those who honor and revere God, will not be quick to make vows to God... will be serious about fulfilling any vows made... and they will regard broken vows as sins to confess and repent of. Do you take vows seriously? Have you made any vows recently to God or others that you need to keep!**

**2. In your own words, write out what Jesus teaches concerning making oaths (vows) in **Matt. 5:33-37**.**

**3. Write out **James 5:12**.**

**4. In these verses in both James and Matthew we are reminded of the need for the integrity of our lips. Write out **Psalms 141:3**. Then, in light of what you have learned in this lesson, write a personal prayer to God, concerning your need for integrity of your lips.**