

# Sermon notes: November 28, 2021

## **Watch Out For Flies In The Perfume**

Passage: **Ecclesiastes 9:11-10:3**

<sup>11</sup> I have seen something else under the sun:

The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong,  
nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant  
or favor to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all.

<sup>12</sup> Moreover, no one knows when their hour will come: As fish are caught in a cruel net,  
or birds are taken in a snare, so people are trapped by evil times  
that fall unexpectedly upon them.

## **Wisdom Better Than Folly**

<sup>13</sup> I also saw under the sun this example of wisdom that greatly impressed me: <sup>14</sup> There was once a small city with only a few people in it. And a powerful king came against it, surrounded it and built huge siege works against it. <sup>15</sup> Now there lived in that city a man poor but wise, and he saved the city by his wisdom. But nobody remembered that poor man. <sup>16</sup> So I said, "Wisdom is better than strength." But the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are no longer heeded.

<sup>17</sup> The quiet words of the wise are more to be heeded than the shouts of a ruler of fools.

<sup>18</sup> Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.

**10** As dead flies give perfume a bad smell, so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor.

<sup>2</sup> The heart of the wise inclines to the right, but the heart of the fool to the left.

<sup>3</sup> Even as fools walk along the road, they lack sense and show everyone how stupid they are.

## **Time And Chance Happen To All**

**Psalm 103:15-16** <sup>15</sup> The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field;  
<sup>16</sup> the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

**James 4:14** <sup>14</sup> Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

**Ecclesiastes 10:8-9** <sup>8</sup> Whoever digs a pit may fall into it; whoever breaks through a wall may be bitten by a snake. <sup>9</sup> Whoever quarries stones may be injured by them; whoever splits logs may be endangered by them.

### **It Is Best To Sharpen The Axe**

**Ecclesiastes 10:10** <sup>10</sup> If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success.

**Proverbs 8:35-36** <sup>35</sup> For those who find me find life and receive favor from the LORD. <sup>36</sup> But those who fail to find me harm themselves; all who hate me love death.”

### **Implications**

#### **Persue**

**Proverbs 2:2, 4** <sup>2</sup> turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—  
<sup>4</sup> and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,

#### **Fear**

**Proverbs 9:10** <sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

**Colossians 2:3** <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

## Listen

**Proverbs 23:9** <sup>9</sup> Do not speak to fools, for they will scorn your prudent words.

**Proverbs 12:15** <sup>15</sup> The way of fools seems right to them,  
but the wise listen to advice.

## Humble

**1 Corinthians 3:18** <sup>18</sup> Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become "fools" so that you may become wise.

**2 Corinthians 12:10** <sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

# Joy To The World / Our God Saves

## Verse 1

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
Heaven and nature sing  
Let heaven and nature sing  
Let heaven and heaven and nature sing

## Verse 2

Joy to the world the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

## Pre-Chorus

Hear the joyful sound of our offering  
As Your saints bow down as Your people sing  
We will rise with You lifted on Your wings  
And the world will see that

## Chorus 1

Our God saves our God saves.... There is hope in Your name

## Verse 3

You rule the world with truth and grace  
And make the nations prove  
The glories of Your righteousness  
The wonders of Your love  
The wonders of Your love  
The wonders wonders of Your love

## Chorus 2

Mourning turns to songs of praise... Our God saves our God saves... Oh

## Ending

Joy to the world the Lord is come, Joy to the world the Lord is come  
You rule the world with truth and grace, You rule the world with truth and grace

# Great Things

## Verse 1

Come let us worship our King  
Come let us bow at His feet  
He has done great things  
See what our Savior has done  
See how His love overcomes  
He has done great things  
He has done great things

## Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
O God You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive  
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
O God You have done great things

## Verse 2

You've been faithful through every storm  
You'll be faithful forevermore  
You have done great things  
And I know You will do it again  
For Your promise is yes and amen  
You will do great things  
God You do great things

## Bridge

Hallelujah God above it all  
Hallelujah God unshakable  
Hallelujah You have done great things  
(REPEAT)  
You've done great things

## Ending

You have done great things  
O God You do great things

# Overwhelmed

## Verse 1

I see the work of Your hands  
Galaxies spin in a heavenly dance oh God  
All that You are is so overwhelming

## Verse 2

And I hear the sound of Your voice  
All at once it's a gentle  
And thundering noise oh God  
All that You are is so overwhelming

## Chorus 1

I delight myself in You  
Captivated by Your beauty  
I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You  
And God I run into Your arms  
Unashamed because of mercy  
I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You

## Verse 3

I know the pow'r of Your cross, Forgiven and free forever You'll be my God  
All that You've done is so overwhelming

## Chorus 2

I delight myself in You  
In the glory of Your presence  
I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You  
And God I run into Your arms  
Unashamed because of mercy  
I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You

## Bridge

You are beautiful You are beautiful, Oh God there is no one more beautiful  
You are beautiful God You are the most beautiful, You are wonderful You are wonderful  
Oh God there is no one more wonderful, You are wonderful God You are the most wonderful  
You are glorious You are glorious, Oh God there is no one more glorious  
You are glorious God You are the most glorious

## Tag

I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You

# Glorious

## Verse 1

Look inside the myst'ry  
See the empty cross  
See the risen Savior  
Victorious and strong  
No one else above Him  
None as strong to save  
He alone has conquered  
The power of the grave

## Chorus

Glorious  
My eyes have seen the glory of the Lord  
Glorious  
He stands above the rulers of the earth  
Glorious glorious  
Lord You are glorious

## Verse 2

Look beyond the tombstone  
See the living God  
See the resurrected  
Ruler of my heart  
No one else above Him  
None to match His worth  
The hope of His returning  
Fills the universe