Sermon notes: November 7, 2021

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| **This Jigsaw Puzzle Has A Lot Of Pieces**  Passage: **Ecclesiastes 7:1-14** |  |

A good name is better than fine perfume, and the day of death better than the day of birth.  
**2**It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting,  
for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart.  
**3**Frustration is better than laughter, because a sad face is good for the heart.  
**4**The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of pleasure. **5**It is better to heed the rebuke of a wise person than to listen to the song of fools.  
**6**Like the crackling of thorns under the pot, so is the laughter of fools.  
This too is meaningless. **7**Extortion turns a wise person into a fool, and a bribe corrupts the heart. **8**The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride.  
**9**Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools.

**10**Do not say, “Why were the old days better than these?” For it is not wise to ask such questions. **11**Wisdom, like an inheritance, is a good thing and benefits those who see the sun.  
**12**Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this:  
Wisdom preserves those who have it. **13**Consider what God has done: Who can straighten  
what he has made crooked? **14**When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider this: God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, no one can discover  
 anything about their future.

**Face The Reality Of Death**

**1 Corinthians 15:55, 57 55**“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

**57**But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Know That God Is Sovereign**

**Proverbs 3:5-6 5**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; **6**in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight

**Job 2:10 10**He replied, “You are talking like a foolish[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+3%3A5-6%3B+Job+2%3A10%3B+Job+1%3A21%3B+Ephesians+1%3A11%3B+Proverbs+16%3A33%3B++Job+42%3A2%3B+Isaiah+45%3A7%3B+2+Corinthians+4%3A7-8%3B+Philippians+2%3A17&version=NIV#fen-NIV-12902a)] woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?” In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

**Job 1:21 21**and said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb,  and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.”

**Ephesians 1:11 11**In him we were also chosen,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+3%3A5-6%3B+Job+2%3A10%3B+Job+1%3A21%3B+Ephesians+1%3A11%3B+Proverbs+16%3A33%3B++Job+42%3A2%3B+Isaiah+45%3A7%3B+2+Corinthians+4%3A7-8%3B+Philippians+2%3A17&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29218a)] having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,

**Proverbs 16:33 33**The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord.

**Job 42:2 2**“I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

**Isaiah 45:7 7**I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster;  
    I, the Lord, do all these things.

**2 Corinthians 4:7-8 7**But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. **8**We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;

**Philippians 2:17 17**But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.

**Conclusion**

**Let the end enable you to see**

**Let God’s reign enable you to willingly accept**

## Glory Glory Lord

### Chorus 1

Glory glory Lord  
We give You glory Lord  
Glory glory Lord  
You are the mighty God  
You are the mighty God

### Verse 1

You who go down to the sea  
You who live in the islands  
If you live in the city  
Lift your voice and sing out

### Verse 2

Sing to the Lord a new song  
Sing His praise to the ends of the earth  
Let ev'ry nation tell it  
Till ev'ry man has heard

### Chorus 2

(HAWAIIAN)  
Nani Nani Lehovah  
Nou Kanani Lejovah  
Nani Nani Lehovah  
Ke Akua Mana Loa  
  
(SAMOAN)  
Viia viia le Atua  
Matou te viia oe le Atua  
Viia viia le Atua  
O Oe le Atua matautia

### Ending

You are the living God  
You are the only God  
You are the mighty God

## Sovereign

### Verse

Sov'reign in the mountain air  
Sov'reign on the ocean floor  
With me in the calm  
With me in the storm  
Sov'reign in my greatest joy  
Sov'reign in my deepest cry  
With me in the dark  
With me at the dawn

### Chorus

In Your everlasting arms  
All the pieces of my life  
From beginning to the end I can trust You  
In Your never-failing love  
You work ev'rything for good  
God whatever comes my way I will trust You

### Bridge

All my hopes all I need  
Held in Your hands  
All my life all of me  
Held in Your hands  
All my fears all my dreams  
Held in Your hands

## Trust In You

### Verse 1

Letting go of every single dream  
I lay each one down at Your feet  
Every moment of my wondering  
Never changes what You see

### Verse 2

I've tried to win this war I confess  
My hands are weary I need Your rest  
Mighty warrior King of the fight  
No matter what I face You're by my side

### Chorus

When You don't move the mountains  
I'm needing You to move  
When You don't part the waters  
I wish I could walk through  
When You don't give the answers  
As I cry out to You  
I will trust I will trust  
I will trust in You

### Verse 3

Truth is You know what tomorrow brings  
There's not a day ahead You have not seen  
So in all things be my life and breath  
I want what You want Lord and nothing less

### Bridge

You are my strength and comfort  
You are my steady hand  
You are my firm foundation  
The Rock on which I stand  
Your ways are always higher  
Your plans are always good  
There's not a place where I'll go  
You've not already stood

## Our God

### Verse 1

Water You turned into wine  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You  
None like You

### Verse 2

Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You

### Chorus

Our God is greater  
Our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer  
Awesome in power our God our God

### Bridge

And if our God is for us  
Then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us  
Then what could stand against  
And if our God is for us  
Then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us  
Then what could stand against  
(Then) what could stand against