

Sermon notes: November 7, 2021

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.

²It 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.

³Frustration is better than laughter, because a sad face is good for the heart.

⁴The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of pleasure. ⁵It is better to heed the rebuke of a wise person than to listen to the song of fools.

⁶Like the crackling of thorns under the pot, so is the laughter of fools.

This too is meaningless. ⁷Extortion turns a wise person into a fool, and a bribe corrupts the heart. ⁸The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride.

⁹Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools.

¹⁰Do not say, "Why were the old days better than these?" For it is not wise to ask such questions. ¹¹Wisdom, like an inheritance, is a good thing and benefits those who see the sun.

¹²Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this:

Wisdom preserves those who have it. ¹³Consider what God has done: Who can straighten what he has made crooked? ¹⁴When 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] 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] 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