

CONSIDER THE WORK OF GOD
Ecclesiastes 6:10—7:14

Oakridge Community Church
Questions for Consideration and Discussion

Introduction: 7:13-14

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I. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

A. Who decreed the situations that exist – 6:10-11

1. Exodus 4:11; 2 Corinthians 12:7; Psalm 148:8
2. Job 2:10

B. What He decrees cannot be changed – 7:13

1. Psalm 115:3
2. Psalm 135:6
3. Daniel 4:35

II. THE WISDOM OF GOD

A. Who knows what is good for man and what the future holds

1. James 4:14
2. Isaiah 46:10; Revelation 21:6
3. Ecclesiastes 3:11

B. Who shares some of His wisdom with man – 7:1-12

C. Including the fact that attending a funeral is better than a party

1. Ecclesiastes 7:1-4
2. Psalm 90:12

Conclusion

1. What does complaining about our circumstances reveal about our heart attitude? How will considering the work of God affect this?
2. Are there circumstances in your life that you wish could have been different? How does knowing they were decreed by God help you evaluate and learn from those situations?
3. What is the difference between crediting God and blaming God for giving disabilities, thorns and storms of life to us? Which will you purposefully pursue this week? How will you do so?
4. How can knowing that the decrees of God cannot be changed be a comfort to your soul? Describe a time when this has been your experience.
5. Do you truly believe that God alone knows perfectly what is good for you? How will this conviction be manifested in the circumstances of your daily life?
6. Do you tend to judge whether a situation is good or bad by how it affects your emotions? How does the fact that God's Word says it is better to go to the house of mourning than to the house of feasting challenge/correct that approach? What is there to be learned in the house of mourning?
7. How will trusting the wisdom of God impact the way you view and respond to your circumstances this week?