

**“The Sovereign Goodness of God”**

**14th in “The Good Life” Series**

**Ecclesiastes 7:13-18 pg. 556**

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7) V. 15 admits that life is not fair. Why is it tempting for us to make “fairness”

 a core value? How might we be demanding (explicitly or implicitly)

 fairness from God in daily lives?

8) In v. 18 the phrase “the one who fears God” refers to the person who not

 only acknowledges God but also aligns themselves to the will of God. How

 can you do that in your daily, Christian walk? Be specific.

9) If you had the opportunity to change something God did (or allowed) in

 your life, something hard and painful, would you do it? Explain.

10) How has this text exhorted you to “consider” and trust in the sovereign

 goodness of God in all things?

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

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**Introduction**

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In this passage God teaches us to see and trust his “sovereign goodness” in all things.

**The Text: Ecclesiastes 7:13-18**

1. In every circumstance, “consider” the sovereign goodness of God (vv. 13-14).

2) In a world that is not fair, put into practice the “sovereign goodness” of God (vv. 15-18).

**Response**

* In all things, “consider” the sovereign goodness of God.

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**The Sovereign Goodness**

**of God**

1. Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
2. The first word of this text, “consider” sets the tone for what God wants to teach us. “Consider” means more than “think,” in the context it also means “accept.” How should our theology (what we believe) impact our life (what we do)?
3. The Preacher in v. 13 wants you to see the “crookedness” of the world, that is, its brokenness, and that you cannot fix it. How is life “crooked” and not straight? Why is that important to understand?
4. But v. 13 does not want you to see only the world’s brokenness, it also wants you to see God standing and ruling over the world’s brokenness. How does Scripture demonstrate (through “the works of God”) that even in a broken and fallen world God is present and ruling?
5. How would Scripture guide us to see that God is both sovereign (sustaining all things by his perfect power) and good (working all things for his perfect purposes)? Why is it hard to keep those two truths together?
6. How does v. 14 teach us to respond in times of prosperity and times of adversity? Why does the text repeat the key word “consider” when explaining how to respond to adversity?