

The Purpose of Power and Wealth

Series: The Book of Ecclesiastes - Finding the Purpose of Life

Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:9

God's standard: _____

Ecclesiastes 5:8 ESV If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness, do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them.

Ecclesiastes 5:9 ESV But this is gain for a land in every way: a king committed to cultivated fields.

Our sin: _____

Ecclesiastes 5:10 ESV He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. 11 When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes?

Ecclesiastes 5:12 ESV Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

God's solution: _____

Ecclesiastes 5:18 ESV Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. 19 Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. 20 For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.