

# Ecclesiastes 7

Alte englische Darby-Übersetzung



**1** A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of one's birth. **2** It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting: in that that is the end of all men, and the living taketh it to heart. **3** Vexation is better than laughter; for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. **4** The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools in the house of mirth. **5** It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise, than to hear the song of fools. **6** For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool. This also is vanity.

**7** Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad, and a gift destroyeth the heart. **8** Better is the end of a thing than its beginning; better is a patient spirit than a proud spirit. **9** Be not hasty in thy spirit to be vexed; for vexation resteth in the bosom of fools. **10** Say not, How is it that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this.

**11** Wisdom is as good as an inheritance, and profitable to them that see the sun. **12** For wisdom is a defence as money is a defence; but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom maketh them that possess it to live. **13** Consider the work of God; for who can make straight what he hath made crooked? **14** In the day of prosperity enjoy good, and in the day of adversity consider: God hath also set the one beside the other, to the end that man should find out nothing of what shall be after him. **15** All this have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a righteous man that perisheth by his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that prolongeth his days by his wickedness. **16** Be not righteous overmuch; neither make thyself overwise: why shouldest thou destroy thyself? **17** Be not overmuch wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die before thy time? **18** It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from that withdraw not thy hand: for he that feareth God cometh forth from them all. **19** Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men that are in a city. **20** Surely there is not a righteous man upon earth, that doeth good and sinneth not. **21** Also give not heed unto all words that are spoken, lest thou hear thy servant curse thee. **22** For also thine own heart knoweth that oftentimes thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.

**23** All this have I tried by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me. **24** Whatever hath been, is far off, and exceeding deep: who will find it out? **25** I turned, I and my heart, to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom and reason, and to know wickedness to be folly, and foolishness to be madness; **26** and I found more bitter than death the woman whose heart is nets and snares, and whose hands are bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be caught by her. **27** See this which I have found, saith the Preacher, searching one by one to find out the reason; **28** which my soul yet seeketh, and I have not found: one man among a thousand have I found, but a woman among all those have I not found. **29** Only see this which I have found: that God made man upright, but they have sought out many devices.