

Ecclesiastes 7



Englische King James Version von 1611/1769 mit Strongs

1 A good name^{H8034} is better^{H2896} than precious^{H2896} ointment^{H8081}; and the day^{H3117} of death^{H4194} than the day^{H3117} of one's birth^{H3205}. **2** It is better^{H2896} to go^{H3212} to the house^{H1004} of mourning^{H60}, than to go^{H3212} to the house^{H1004} of feasting^{H4960}: for^{H834} that is the end^{H5490} of all men^{H120}; and the living^{H2416} will lay^{H5414} it to his heart^{H3820}. **3** Sorrow^{H3708} is better^{H2896} than laughter^{H7814}: for by the sadness^{H7455} of the countenance^{H6440} the heart^{H3820} is made better^{H3190}. **4** The heart^{H3820} of the wise^{H2450} is in the house^{H1004} of mourning^{H60}; but the heart^{H3820} of fools^{H3684} is in the house^{H1004} of mirth^{H8057}. **5** It is better^{H2896} to hear^{H8085} the rebuke^{H1606} of the wise^{H2450}, than for a man^{H376} to hear^{H8085} the song^{H7892} of fools^{H3684}. **6** For as the crackling^{H6963} of thorns^{H5518} under a pot^{H5518}, so is the laughter^{H7814} of the fool^{H3684}: this also is vanity^{H1892}.²

7 Surely oppression^{H6233} maketh a wise man^{H2450} mad^{H1984}; and a gift^{H4979} destroyeth^{H6} the heart^{H3820}. **8** Better^{H2896} is the end^{H319} of a thing^{H1697} than the beginning^{H7225} thereof: and the patient^{H750} in spirit^{H7307} is better^{H2896} than the proud^{H1362} in spirit^{H7307}. **9** Be not hasty^{H926} in thy spirit^{H7307} to be angry^{H3707}: for anger^{H3708} resteth^{H5117} in the bosom^{H2436} of fools^{H3684}. **10** Say^{H559} not thou, What is the cause that the former^{H7223} days^{H3117} were better^{H2896} than these? for thou dost not enquire^{H7592} wisely^{H2451} concerning this.³

11 Wisdom^{H2451} is good^{H2896} with an inheritance^{H5159}: and by it there is profit^{H3148} to them that see^{H7200} the sun^{H8121}. **12** For wisdom^{H2451} is a defence^{H6738}, and money^{H3701} is a defence^{H6738}: but the excellency^{H3504} of knowledge^{H1847} is, that wisdom^{H2451} giveth life^{H2421} to them that have^{H1167} it.⁵ **13** Consider^{H7200} the work^{H4639} of God^{H430}: for who can^{H3201} make that straight^{H8626}, which he hath made crooked^{H5791}? **14** In the day^{H3117} of prosperity^{H2896} be joyful^{H2896}, but in the day^{H3117} of adversity^{H7451} consider^{H7200}: God^{H430} also hath set^{H6213} the one over against^{H5980} the other, to the end^{H1700} that man^{H120} should find^{H4672} nothing^{H3972} after^{H310} him.⁶ **15** All things have I seen^{H7200} in the days^{H3117} of my vanity^{H1892}: there is^{H3426} a just^{H6662} man that perisheth^{H6} in his righteousness^{H6664}, and there is a wicked^{H7563} man that prolongeth^{H748} his life in his wickedness^{H7451}. **16** Be not righteous^{H6662} over much^{H7235}; neither make thyself over^{H3148} wise^{H2449}: why shouldest thou destroy^{H8074} thyself?⁷ **17** Be not over much^{H7235} wicked^{H7561}, neither be thou foolish^{H5530}: why shouldest thou die^{H4191} before thy time^{H6256}?⁸ **18** It is good^{H2896} that thou shouldest take hold^{H270} of this; yea, also from this^{H2088} withdraw^{H3240} not thine hand^{H3027}: for he that feareth^{H3373} God^{H430} shall come forth^{H3318} of them all. **19** Wisdom^{H2451} strengtheneth^{H5810} the wise^{H2450} more than ten^{H6235} mighty^{H7989} men which are in the city^{H5892}. **20** For there is not a just^{H6662} man^{H120} upon earth^{H776}, that doeth^{H6213} good^{H2896}, and sinneth^{H2398} not. **21** Also take^{H5414} no heed^{H3820} unto all words^{H1697} that are spoken^{H1696}; lest thou hear^{H8085} thy servant^{H5650} curse^{H7043} thee.⁹ **22** For oftentimes^{H6471} ^{H7227} also thine own heart^{H3820} knoweth^{H3045} that thou thyself likewise hast cursed^{H7043} others^{H312}.

23 All this^{H2090} have I proved^{H5254} by wisdom^{H2451}: I said^{H559}, I will be wise^{H2449}; but it was far^{H7350} from me. **24** That which is far off^{H7350}, and exceeding deep^{H6013}, who can find it out^{H4672}? **25** I applied^{H5437} mine heart^{H3820} to know^{H3045}, and to search^{H8446}, and to seek out^{H1245} wisdom^{H2451}, and the reason^{H2808} of things, and to know^{H3045} the wickedness^{H7562} of folly^{H3689}, even of foolishness^{H5531} and madness^{H1947}.¹⁰ **26** And I find^{H4672} more bitter^{H4751} than death^{H4194} the woman^{H802}, whose heart^{H3820} is snares^{H4685} and nets^{H2764}, and her hands^{H3027} as bands^{H612}: whoso pleaseth^{H2896} God^{H430} shall escape^{H4422} from her; but the sinner^{H2398} shall be taken^{H3920} by her.¹¹ **27** Behold^{H7200}, this have I found^{H4672}, saith^{H559} the preacher^{H6953}, counting one^{H259} by one^{H259}, to find out^{H4672} the account^{H2808}.¹² **28** Which yet my soul^{H5315} seeketh^{H1245}, but I find^{H4672} not: one^{H259} man^{H120} among a thousand^{H505} have I found^{H4672}; but a woman^{H802} among all those have I not found^{H4672}. **29** Lo^{H7200}, this only^{H905} have I found^{H4672}, that God^{H430} hath made^{H6213} man^{H120} upright^{H3477}; but they have sought out^{H1245} many^{H7227} inventions^{H2810}.

Fußnoten

1. Sorrow: or, Anger
2. crackling: Heb. sound
3. wisely: Heb. out of wisdom
4. good...: or, as good as an inheritance, yea, better too
5. defence: Heb. shadow
6. set: Heb. made
7. destroy...: Heb. be desolate?
8. before...: Heb. not in thy time?
9. take...: Heb. give not thine heart
10. I applied...: Heb. I and mine heart compassed
11. whoso...: Heb. he that is good before God
12. counting...: or, weighing one thing after another, to find out the reason