



Class 13- 1.16.19

In Class Videos:

Read Scripture 1 and 2 Chronicles

<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/1-2-chronicles>

Read Scripture Ecclesiastes

<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/ecclesiastes>

Read Scripture Song of Solomon

<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/song-of-songs>

Reading:

Day 1

Psalms 112, 113

1 Chronicles 10-11:9, 13-17

Day 2

Psalms 114

2 Chronicles 9-12, 34-36

Day 3

Psalm 115

Ecclesiastes. 1-11

Watch Wisdom Series: Ecclesiastes

Day 4

Psalm 116

Song of Solomon 1-8

Day 5

Psalm 117

Reflection:

1. 1 Chronicles 4:9-10 records a prayer by a relatively unknown individual called Jabez. Read it. You'll see in verse 10 that God answered his prayer. Why do you think God answered it? Of course we don't know for sure because God's ways are higher than our ways. But read James 5:16 – 18 for one reason that God may have answered favorably. Compare his prayer to how Jesus instructed us to pray in Matthew 6:13.

2. In 1 Chronicles 21 (and the parallel account in 2 Samuel 24) David commanded his military leaders to take a national census. The result was that God sent a plague among the people causing the death of 70,000 people. Why do you think this happened? We get a bit of an explanation in 1 Chronicles 21:1: "Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel." So, Satan had an influence on what David did. Satan stood up against Israel, and David apparently yielded to that influence, and even rejected the sound advice of Joab. How do we best fight against Satan in a situation where he is trying to influence us? WWJD (what would Jesus do)? Look at Matthew 4:1-11 and see what He did. How can you follow His lead?

3. My former preacher had a tag line and it was “the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing”. I think one of the lessons for us in Ecclesiastes is to “keep the first things first”, meaning keep our relationship with God as our first priority. When our priority is God, we are then able to enjoy things in this life. Do you think it is true that if we’re walking with Christ, we can find some degree of eternal value and satisfaction in the pleasures that He grants us and the accomplishments He enables us to achieve here in life? What happens if we try to make those pleasures replace God? What idols have you put in first place in your life? How can you keep God at the top?

4. King Solomon was known for having a lot of wives (see 1 Kings 11:3 and Song of Solomon 6:8). Whether you see Song of Solomon about marriage or about our relationship with Christ, an obvious irony remains. God used Solomon, an imperfect man and his greatest weakness—women—to highlight the strength of a true and loving marriage relationship or a beautiful relationship with Christ and His church. Aren’t you glad God doesn’t let our weaknesses define us? What are your weaknesses? Ask God to use you though them or in spite of them.