

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20 **Oppression & Perversion Of Justice And Righteousness
Cost Of Abundance – Heritage a Gift From Elohiym**

The Vanity of Gain and Honor

⁸ If you see the oppression of the poor, and the violent perversion of justice and righteousness in a province, do not marvel at the matter; for high official watches over high official, and higher officials are over them.

⁹ Moreover the profit of the land is for all; *even* the king is served from the field.

¹⁰ He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves abundance, with increase.

This also *is* vanity.

¹¹ When goods increase, They increase who eat them; So what profit have the owners Except to see *them* with their eyes?

¹² The sleep of a laboring man *is* sweet, Whether he eats little or much; But the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep.

¹³ There is a severe evil *which* I have seen under the sun: Riches kept for their owner to his hurt.

¹⁴ But those riches perish through misfortune; When he begets a son, *there is* nothing in his hand.

¹⁵ As he came from his mother's womb, naked shall he return, To go as he came; And he shall take nothing from his labor Which he may carry away in his hand.

¹⁶ And this also *is* a severe evil – Just exactly as he came, so shall he go. And what profit has he who has labored for the wind?

¹⁷ All his days he also eats in darkness, And *he has* much sorrow and sickness and anger.

¹⁸ Here is what I have seen: *It is* good and fitting *for one* to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which Elohiym (God) gives him; for it *is* his heritage.

¹⁹ As for every man to whom Elohiym (God) has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor – this *is* the gift of Elohiym (God).

²⁰ For he will not dwell unduly *on* the days of his life, because Elohiym (God) keeps *him* busy with the joy of his heart.

Facts Revealed:

- ☆ If you see the oppression of the poor, and the violent perversion of justice and righteousness in a province, do not marvel at the matter; for high official watches over high official, and higher officials are over them. [\[Ecclesiastes 5:8\]](#)
- ◇ All levels of government are human, so it is not surprising when there is oppression and perversion of justice and righteousness in a province.
- ☆ Moreover the profit of the land is for all; *even* the king is served from the field. [\[Ecclesiastes 5:9\]](#)
- ◇ The king is dependent on the produce of the field as is the servant.
- ☆ He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves abundance, with increase.
This also *is* vanity. [\[Ecclesiastes 5:10\]](#)
- ◇ Love of silver and abundance is unsatisfying vanity.
- ◇ The apostle Paul also taught on this concept,
Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is certain** we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. [\[1 Timothy 6:6-10\]](#)
- ☆ When goods increase, They increase who eat them; So what profit have the owners Except to see *them* with their eyes?
The sleep of a laboring man *is* sweet, Whether he eats little or much;
But the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep. [\[Ecclesiastes 5:11-12\]](#)
- ◇ Solomon continues to expand on the concept of vanity in love for silver and increase.
- ☆ There is a severe evil *which* I have seen under the sun: Riches kept for their owner to his hurt.
But those riches perish through misfortune; When he begets a son, *there is* nothing in his hand.
As he came from his mother's womb, naked shall he return, To go as he came; And he shall take nothing from his labor Which he may carry away in his hand.
And this also *is* a severe evil – Just exactly as he came, so shall he go.
And what profit has he who has labored for the wind?
All his days he also eats in darkness, And *he has* much sorrow and sickness and anger. [\[Ecclesiastes 5:13-17\]](#)
- ◇ Folly of striving for wealth is that it is temporary and will not last.
- ◇ You can take none of it with you at time of death.
- ◇ Naked he came into the world and naked he shall depart.
- ◇ The cost is greater than the value.
- ☆ Here is what I have seen: *It is* good and fitting *for one* to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which Elohiym (God) gives him; for it *is* his heritage.
As for every man to whom Elohiym (God) has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor – this *is* the gift of Elohiym (God).
For he will not dwell unduly (undeservedly) *all* the days of his life, because Elohiym (God) keeps *him* busy with the joy of his heart. [\[Ecclesiastes 5:18-20\]](#)

- ✧ It is enough to enjoy the fruit of your labor all the days of your life because it is the gift of Elohiym who gave it to you as a heritage to be gratefully received with rejoicing.