

## Ecclesiastes 8:1-9 **Benefit to Wisdom & Understanding**

<sup>1</sup>Who *is* like a wise *man*? And who knows the interpretation of a thing?  
A man's wisdom makes his face shine, And the sternness of his face is changed.

### *Obey Authorities for God's Sake*

<sup>2</sup>I *say*, "Keep the king's commandment for the sake of your oath to Elohiym (God).

<sup>3</sup>Do not be hasty to go from his presence. Do not take your stand for an evil thing, for he does whatever pleases him."

<sup>4</sup>Where the word of a king *is*, *there is* power; And who may say to him, "What are you doing?"

<sup>5</sup>He who keeps his command will experience nothing harmful; And a wise man's heart discerns both time and judgment,

<sup>6</sup>Because for every matter there is a time and judgment,  
Though the misery of man increases greatly.

<sup>7</sup>For he does not know what will happen; So who can tell him when it will occur?

<sup>8</sup>No one has power over the spirit to retain the spirit, And no one has power in the day of death.

*There is* no release from that war, And wickedness will not deliver those who are given to it.

<sup>9</sup>All this I have seen, and applied my heart to every work that is done under the sun:  
*There is* a time in which one man rules over another to his own hurt.

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### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Who *is* like a wise *man*? And who knows the interpretation of a thing?  
A man's wisdom makes his face shine, And the sternness of his face is changed.  
[\[Ecclesiastes 8:1\]](#)
- ✧ Solomon discovered that wisdom and understanding brightened his appearance by diminishing anxiety.
- ✧ I *say*, "Keep the king's commandment for the sake of your oath to Elohiym (God).  
Do not be hasty to go from his presence. Do not take your stand for an evil thing, for he does whatever pleases him." [\[Ecclesiastes 8:2-3\]](#)
- ✧ Solomon gave advice for the people toward himself as king.
- ✧ Be courteous and respectful in his presence obeying his commandments.
- ✧ He tied keeping his commandments with keeping your oath to Elohiym.
- ✧ Courteousness toward the king calls for non hasty departure from his presence.
- ✧ Do not take a stand for an evil thing is good advise for anyone any time.
- ✧ The king can do whatever he pleases because he holds absolute authority in administration.
- ✧ However, God established restrictions He placed on kings and will hold them accountable for complying with them. [\[Deuteronomy 17:14-20\]](#)
- ✧ Solomon failed in them all.

- ☆ Where the word of a king *is, there is* power; And who may say to him, "What are you doing?" [Ecclesiastes 8:4]
  - ◇ Solomon realized the power and influence God had given him and it went to his head in prideful arrogance.
  - ◇ He felt accountable to no one.
- ☆ He who keeps his command will experience nothing harmful; And a wise man's heart discerns both time and judgment, Because for every matter there is a time and judgment, Though the misery of man increases greatly. For he does not know what will happen; So who can tell him when it will occur? [Ecclesiastes 8:5-7]
  - ◇ Solomon viewed his judgments to be fair and just in regard to his own commandments.
  - ◇ He considered that a wise man's heart discerns both a time and judgment, and that there is a time and judgment for every matter.
  - ◇ He also thought a man's misery greatly increases because he does not know what will happen and that no one can tell him when it will occur.
  - ◇ If Solomon had a heart like his father David, he would have been more aware that Yahweh has revealed to mankind through His prophets what lies ahead and when it will happen.
  - ◇ David was included among the prophets when Jesus said that everything written about himself in the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled. [Luke 24:44]
- ☆ No one has power over the spirit to retain the spirit, And no one has power in the day of death. *There is* no release from that war, And wickedness will not deliver those who are given to it. [Ecclesiastes 8:8]
  - ◇ Solomon viewed everything from the human prospective based on what his eyes could observe.
  - ◇ His observation about the human spirit and death is correct.
  - ◇ And that wickedness will not deliver those who are given to it.
  - ◇ However he did not know that in Messiah Jesus that observation did not hold true because Jesus said, "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father." [John 10:17-18]
- ☆ All this I have seen, and applied my heart to every work that is done under the sun: *There is* a time in which one man rules over another to his own hurt. [Ecclesiastes 8:9]
  - ◇ Solomon's observations were all based on his own search for wisdom in this world.
  - ◇ He overlooked divine wisdom revealed by Yahweh in times before him.
  - ◇ David his father placed his entire perspective on what he could receive from Yahweh.
  - ◇ David's choice gained him great favor from Yahweh, while Solomon's choice ended in total failure before Yahweh.
  - ◇ Yahweh allowed Solomon to remain so long because of His love for David. [1 Kings 11:9-13]