ECCLESIASTES Let's Stop Pretending

The Limitations of Wisdom

Ecclesiastes 8:1-17

"I wanted ______ in the kind of way in which people want religious faith."

Bertrand Russell

"A man's wisdom makes his face shine, and the hardness of his face is changed." (1)

The Limitations of Human Wisdom

1. _____- political tension (2-9)

* power vs. _____

No man has power to... (8)

- _____the Spirit
- control _____
- evade _____
- consequences

"All this I observed while applying my heart to all that is done under the sun, when man had power over man to his hurt." (9)

2. _____- social tension (10-13)

* pragmatism vs. _____

l know (12-13) -

3.		- moral tension (14)	
	*	VS	
	Fear God (12), find _	(15) and stop	(17)!

"Oh, how sensitive is this man about his Master's honor! How solicitous for his Master's glory! How tremblingly alive to his own ignorance, his own weakness, his own insufficiency! From the depths of his soul he is ever crying, 'Lord, Thou knowest my weakness – be Thou my strength. Thou knowest my ignorance – be Thou my wisdom. Teach me, that I may not be a blind leader of the blind, but a scribe well-instructed unto the Kingdom of Heaven. Oh let not the people see me; let them see You in Your vesture dipped in blood. Let them not hear me; let them hear You in Your voice of saving truth!"

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