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Ecclesiastes 10:11 – 11:10

~ As our Spiritual Safari continues in this leg of our expedition through the entire Word of God, I begin with the same warning I gave in our last report: I do not recommend you read this report or the next, which will conclude Ecclesiastes. If you will just click away from this lesson, then I can spend some time talking to the Lord alone; and that would be great. That's what it has come to, because we are talking about seeking satisfaction in morality; by being a "*do-gooder*." It includes all of those living the "*good life*." They take it easy, and would never disturb the status quo. They're neither hot nor cold; they say they have need of nothing. They are as religious as anyone ever was – but they never take a stand for God, or for the things of the Lord Jesus Christ. Naturally, taking a stand on the Bible always antagonizes a certain group of people. So, if you can point out where I am wrong in teaching the Bible – and nail something down specifically – then let me know. Going into tirades and saying how terrible of a person I am is an utter waste of time — because everyone already knows that!

If you have not read our last three reports, I highly suggest you go back and do so now; even though the paradox is, I do not recommend you read any of them. See, we are in the Alice in Wonderland of the Bible – Ecclesiastes. Nothing is as it seems; and if you do not know what is going on, then this is not the place to begin the safari study program – because you are totally lost, my friends. Morality and being a "*dog-gooder*" is just another one of the experiments Solomon made; but which brought no lasting joy or satisfaction to his heart. Remember, Solomon had it all: money, women and access to anything – you name it – Solomon had it. Our previous reports have either been mind-chilling, or you are not fully comprehending the spirit of truth we are considering in this section of Scripture. Many people disagree with me; and that's perfectly alright – they have a right to be wrong. I'm merely teaching what the Bible *really* says. What you believe or don't believe is between you and the Lord — not me.

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There are many aspects of a “do-gooder” type person, as we have now considered in this safari, and here we have another; this one displaying a total coldness, indifference, and injustice towards others, particularly the poor. They talk a good game about solving the problems of poverty but, frankly, friends — and let’s just keep this real — they’re typically pathologically lying thieves. This fact alone suggests the necessity for the adoption of a moderate course by Christians; but I rarely see that played out anymore, either. Fraud and injustice permeate every field, phase, and fiber of modern society — particularly for the poor — because unethical practices and oppression are approved of, winked at, and applauded as sophisticated and savvy....

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11 Surely the serpent will bite without enchantment; and a babbler is no better.

~ Some practices in eastern religions include serpent handling. As long as the piper is piping, the adder generally won’t strike. However, if the piper stops piping, an extremely dangerous snake will immediately strike at whatever’s closest to it. That can mean near-instant death. Satan is always presented as a serpent in Scripture; but Satan is a person. One of the definitions of a “serpent” is a sly or slanderous person. Now, if I had a horn, and an adder slithered up, I think I would become a long-winded woodwind specialist. There wouldn’t be a note of rest in my entire composition. Unfortunately, Jeremiah also said God would send serpents and cockatrices among them that could not be charmed and would bite them. They cannot be charmed, and their bite means certain, long, drawn out and agonizing death, filled with disease. Now, we may or may not be talking about literal snakes in our interpretation in spirit and in truth; it could be — but I don’t think so. I think we’re talking about people who deceive other people, who will betray them — particularly in the realm of religion. It’s time someone points them out; and I just happen to be the person to do that. See, anyone who hasn’t completed a full and comprehensive commentary on all sixty-six books of the Bible has no credibility. Friends, all I can say is: I told you not

to follow me down the rabbit hole of this report; it's not too late to stop reading. Danger ahead. Turn back now....

12 The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.

~ The lips of a fool will swallow up everyone around them, too, by the way. Be careful who you choose as your friends. Some people are going to try to destroy you simply for the sake of being antagonistic. They bite just to bite – like the serpent. As long as you have them charmed, they're deceptively docile; but if you lose their attention for a split-second, they become altogether deadly. The middle-of-the-road position never works in the final analysis. Whenever we have an open-group forum, we'll find one or two loquacious people who have to say something about everything. They usually say the most absurd, ridiculously irrelevant things – but they never learn to keep their mouths shut....

13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of his talk is mischievous madness.

14 A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him?

15 The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city.

16 Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a child, and thy princes eat in the morning!

17 Blessed art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!

18 By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry: but money answereth all things.

20 Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

~ This writing bears a striking similarity to Proverbs. We can thank God we are near the end of this topsy-turvy, inverted, slanted, otherwise-angled, and backwards book of the Bible Ecclesiastes; truly the Alice in Wonderland of Holy Writ. Teaching this book has been dreadfully wearisome for your safari guide. There are so many things that could be said – but we need to move forward. The great dilemma for any credible Bible teacher is deciding what to leave in, and what to leave out. If you give out the Word of God in sound doctrine, you are going to find yourself in trouble. I am of the opinion that I do not get the support from rich men and women who support other Christian projects because I teach the Bible properly, correctly and completely – period. The Bible does not curry favor with the rich man, friends. That's the way it is; that's what's real. And the Lord taught me that LONG before I accepted this safari position. See, the Spiritual Safari is *totally* depending on God's provision....

XI

1 Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.

2 Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.

3 If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.

4 He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.

5 As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.

6 In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

~ The nation Israel was comprised of an agriculturally-based people; and much of the Bible is geared into that historical fact. I think our Spiritual Safari is going to get a supernatural, succinctly real spiritual message as we end this wonderful Book of Ecclesiastes in our next report. We sow seed on this safari; and that seed is the Word of God. We sow that seed in the world. I consider that fully my business, and partly my commission. In the days of Solomon, the business of a farmer was to sow seed. It speaks of hard work; as in – all day. There is a reward for us in Heaven based upon what prospers in our spiritual sowing down here. I've known farmers that grow earthly stuff, and they always seem to be just a little closer to God than most others. Well, as we move forward and complete Ecclesiastes, we're going to receive an instruction to remember the Lord Jesus Christ, our Creator, Who is the True and Living God Almighty Himself, in the days of our youth – because that's when we can actually do something worthwhile for Him. Make a note....

7 Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun:

8 But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity.

9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

10 Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity ~

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