

## Application Questions

Ecclesiastes 7:19-8:1

In what way does verse 19 seem unreasonable to the modern mind? What do men usually put their trust in?

Verse 20 shares a troubling truth. What is that? How should this news be an encouragement?

One application of verse 20 is in the next two verses. What is that? Think of a time when you were a victim to this kind of sin. How did you feel? How did you deal with it? Now, think of a time when you sinned against another in this way? How should this analysis help you as you live in Christian community?

Verses 23-25 tells us something very important about what we need to know and what we can know. What is that? How should that help you as you live out the Christian faith?

Verse 26 has often been misapplied. Reflecting upon chapter 9 of the book of Proverbs, what do you see Solomon speaking about? What is more bitter than death?

Verses 27-29 are also very interesting. Remember, the word found is better translated "known." What is Solomon getting at?

Reflecting on verse 8:1, how does this knowledge help us live victoriously in our walk and in unity in our community?

## Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

## Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

## A note to our visitors

It is a pleasure having you as a special guest in our Sunday worship today. We hope that you feel warmly welcomed by those around you.

Our goal at Providence Church is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ through biblical worship and through a lifestyle of community to others. We consider it a privilege to make ourselves available to you and your family, and would appreciate the opportunity to get to know you better.

Perhaps you are new to the area and are searching for a church. Whether this is the case or whether you are simply visiting, we hope that it will not be your last time with us. Feel free to contact us at the church office (309-387-2600) if there is any way that we can be of service to you, or if you have questions that you would like answered about Providence Church or the Christian Faith.