

## ***The Problem of Sin and Its Solution*** **Ecclesiastes 7:15-29**

### Main Point:

Since the gospel is the only solution to the problem of sin, look to Jesus and be helped by Him.

1. We live in a broken world because of sin.

2. We are broken people because of sin.

3. We are in great spiritual danger because of sin.

4. We are culpable before God because of sin.

5. We are in need of the gospel because of sin.

**Deuteronomy 4:40** 40 You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong *your* days in the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time.” (NKJV)

**Douglas Sean O’Donnell** “It is not that Solomon is against righteousness ... Rather, he is against attempting to tie God’s hands ... by our behavior.”

**Romans 3:10** 10 As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; (NKJV)

**Philip Ryken** “We all fail to meet God’s standard of perfect speech. So we should be slow to judge other people for not living up to that standard either.”

**Matthew 12:36-37** 36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” (NKJV)

**Proverbs 5:3-5** 3 For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, And her mouth is smoother than oil; 4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword. 5 Her feet go down to death, Her steps lay hold of hell. (NKJV)

**Proverbs 7:21-23** 21 With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, With her flattering lips she seduced him. 22 Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks, 23 Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, He did not know it *would cost* his life. (NKJV)

**Philip Ryken** “When temptation comes, rather than getting lured in by sinful desire, remind your heart that the seductive woman is a trap! If you give in to her enticements, the result will be more bitter than death. She will lead you into soul-destroying sin ...”

**1 Kings 11:3** 3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart. (NKJV)

**Philip Ryken** “Many people try to blame God for everything that is wrong with the world, but he is not the one to blame!”

**1 Corinthians 10:13** 13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. (NKJV)

**Romans 5:19** 19 For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous. (NKJV)