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Wisdom's Benefits and Boundaries

Ecclesiastes 8 (ESV)

¹ Who is like the wise? And who knows the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom makes his face shine, and the hardness of his face is changed. ² I say: Keep the king's command, because of God's oath to him.

³ Be not hasty to go from his presence. Do

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not take your stand in an evil cause, for he does whatever he pleases. ⁴ For the word of the king is supreme, and who may say to him, “What are you doing?” ⁵ Whoever keeps a command will know no evil thing, and the wise heart will know the proper

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time and the just way. ⁶ For there is a time and a way for everything, although man's trouble lies heavy on him. ⁷ For he does not know what is to be, for who can tell him how it will be? ⁸ No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day

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**of death. There is no discharge from war,
nor will wickedness deliver those who are
given to it. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ Then I saw the wicked buried.**

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They used to go in and out of the holy place and were praised in the city where they had done such things. This also is vanity. ¹¹ Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to

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do evil. ¹² Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God, because they fear before him.

¹³ But it will not be well with the wicked, neither will he prolong his days like a

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shadow, because he does not fear before God. ¹⁴ There is a vanity that takes place on earth, that there are righteous people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the wicked, and there are wicked people to whom it happens according to the deeds of

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**the righteous. I said that this also is
vanity. ¹⁵ And I commend joy, for man has
nothing better under the sun but to eat and
drink and be joyful, for this will go with him
in his toil through the days of his life that
God has given him under the sun. ¹⁶ When I**

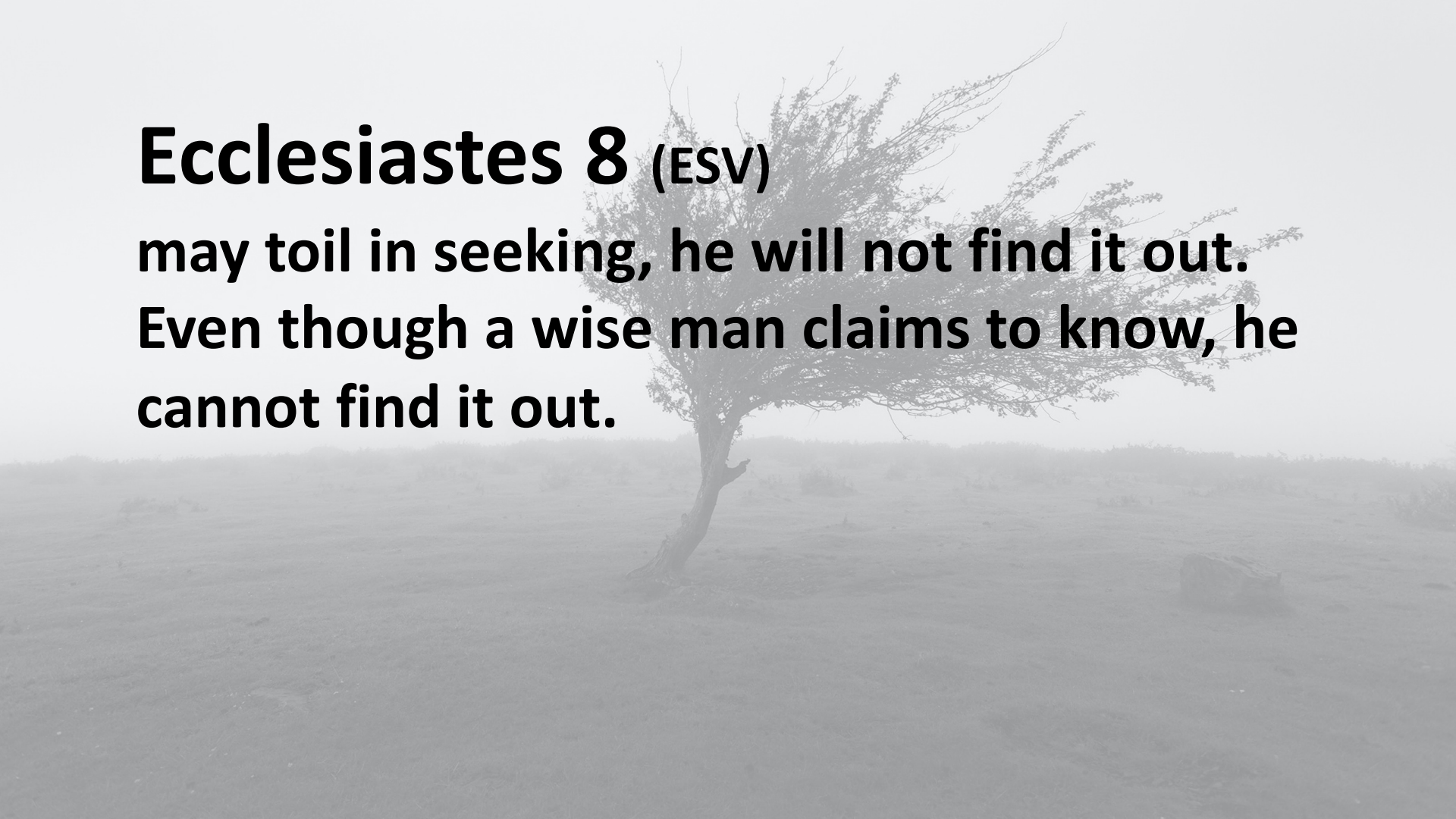
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applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done on earth, how neither day nor night do one's eyes see sleep,¹⁷ then I saw all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. However much man

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may toil in seeking, he will not find it out.

Even though a wise man claims to know, he cannot find it out.



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Dealing with Authority

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Wisdom's Benefit

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Wisdom's Boundary

A grayscale photograph of a lone, wind-swept tree in a desolate, hazy landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its branches leaning heavily to the right, suggesting a strong, consistent wind. The ground is flat and appears to be a dry, open plain. The background is a vast, misty expanse of land and sky, creating a sense of isolation and melancholy. The overall tone is somber and evocative.

Injustice

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Wisdom's Benefit

Revelation 18:4-8(ESV)

⁴Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues; ⁵for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

Revelation 18:4-8(ESV)

⁶Pay her back as she herself has paid back others, and repay her double for her deeds; mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed.

Revelation 18:4-8(ESV)

⁷As she glorified herself and lived in luxury, so give her a like measure of torment and mourning, since in her heart she says, 'I sit as a queen, I am no widow, and mourning I shall never see.'

Revelation 18:4-8(ESV)

⁸For this reason her plagues will come in a single day, death and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her.”

A grayscale photograph of a lone, gnarled tree standing in a vast, misty landscape. The tree is positioned slightly to the right of the center, with its branches reaching out towards the right. The ground is flat and covered in low-lying vegetation, and the background is a dense, white mist that obscures the horizon. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

Wisdom's Boundary

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The Preacher's Conclusion

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Enjoy your Life

1 Corinthians 1:21-24 (ESV)

²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

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²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

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