



Mist Leading

A Study of Ecclesiastes 8

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Introduction: For the past several weeks we have been studying the book of Ecclesiastes. We have studied about how the Bible compares our life to dust, grass, shadow, vapor, breath, and a mist (a puff of air). James says, “*Your life is like a mist. You can see it for a short time, but then it goes away*” (James 4:14). Solomon is helping us to see we can’t grasp this little mist (puff of air). We can’t hold that mist in our hand. The mist is only there for a short time and then it fades away. We really need to elect, embrace, and encourage leaders who lead with a mist understanding. Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. Poor Leaders Drop the Ball (vs.1-9)

Exodus 18:21, Numbers 27:16-17, Romans 13:1-5, II Chronicles 19:5-7,
Daniel 2:31-45, Psalm 75:7, Proverbs 11:14, Matthew 20:26-28, John 10:11,
I Peter 2:11-17, I Timothy 2:1-2

II. Acknowledge The 800 Pound Gorilla in the Room (vs.10-13)

II Chronicles 19:5-10, Ezekiel 18:20, Ezekiel 18:30, Matthew 12:36,
Hebrews 9:27, Matthew 22:21, Mark 12:17, Luke 20:20-26, John 2:13-25,
Luke 13:1-9, Matthew 27:11-31, Mark 15:1-20, Luke 23:1-25, John 19:1-16

III. Remember the Bottom Line (vs.14-17)

Ecclesiastes 2:24-26, Ecclesiastes 3:12-13, Ecclesiastes 5:18-20, Luke 17:3,
John 3:18, Romans 14:11-12, I Corinthians 3:8, II Corinthians 5:10,
Hebrews 13:17, Hebrews 9:27

Conclusion: What can we learn from the sandhill cranes? Let’s listen to Solomon’s advice about leadership and living a life of purpose. Therefore, when someone steps forward with some integrity, and morality, let’s offer them some encouragement. If your nation is turbulent, choose leaders that can endure! If your life is turbulent, look to Jesus who can still storms and give you peace. If your marriage is turbulent, look to the Head of your home and let Him build you up again. If your spiritual life is turbulent, remember that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. He came to this earth, lived among men, died a cruel death, and He rose up from the grave ALL FOR YOU so you could inherit eternal life. Come to Him while you can! Give your heart, soul, mind and strength to the Lord!