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Beyond Our Grasp - Ecclesiastes 7:13-29

Have You Ever Thought: Everyone Should Think Like Me

Why do we want this?

Is this realistic? Until the "Me" is not you but me.

Self-actualization: 3 Basics, safety, relationships, esteem

Limits and fighting to achieve: to be wise

You are so smart, but can't discover anything about your future. 15

You can't overcome that which God will not allow being overcome

But you can distort what is supposed to be straight

What are you fighting so hard to achieve? You're so stressed out

Strive for the good life and miss the good times 13-15

Focused on what isn't rather than what is

Don't be overly righteous or wise controlling; wicked or a fool

This creates personal wisdom and self-righteousness

Vs 23 "I determined to be wise, It was beyond me"

Prophets of Baal: 1 Kg 18:25-29

Vs 20 No one is righteous that does not sin

Don't be overly sensitive vs 21 Hurting people say hurtful stuff

I determined to be wise, it was beyond my grasp so I studied grasping  
So I tried to understand wisdom, stupidity of wickedness and madness of  
folly. vs25

I saw sin trying to ensnare

I measured humanity 99.9% of men and 100% of women are  
unrighteous

All have fallen short and will give into their bent ways

Vs 29 God creates mankind right, mankind schemes to their destruction

Is this not just another meal at the knowledge of good and evil?

Striving for the advantage may actually be distorting God's desire.

Fearing God you will avoid extremes that lead to destruction & death

This is wisdom that has power

Proverbs 3:5-7 Trust in the Lord with all your heart

May have short term sorrow with long term elation

Jesus' power over temptation trusted the father's way.

James 3:13

What is the accomplishment this text points to? A good life

Actions of humility from wisdom.