

ANSWERS TO STUDY QUESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

1. ECCLESIASTES 10:1-12:14
 - a. WHAT DO DEAD FLIES DO TO PERFUME?
 - i. They give perfume a bad smell.
 - b. WHAT IS ONE TO DO IF THE ANGER OF A RULER IS RAISED AGAINST HIM?
 - i. Do not leave your post; calmness can lay great errors to rest.
 - c. WHAT MAY HAPPEN TO THE ONE THAT DIGS A PIT?
 - i. Whoever digs a pit may fall into it.
 - d. WHAT MAY HAPPEN TO THE ONE THAT QUARRIES?
 - i. Whoever quarries stones may be injured by them.
 - e. WHAT ABOUT THE ONE WHO SPLITS LOGS?
 - i. Whoever splits logs may be injured by them.
 - f. HOW DOES HE COMPARE THE WORDS OF A WISE MAN TO THE WORDS OF A FOOL?
 - i. Words from a wise man's mouth are gracious, but a fool is consumed by his own lips.
 - g. WHAT HAPPENS TO THE HOUSE OF A LAZY MAN?
 - i. If a man is lazy, the rafters sag; if his hand is idle, the house leaks.
 - h. WHY DID HE SAY DO NOT REVILE THE KING EVEN IN YOUR THOUGHTS OR CURSE THE RICH IN YOU BEDROOM?
 - i. Because a bird of the air may carry your words, and a bird on the wing may report what you say.
 - i. WHAT DID HE SAY TO DO WITH YOUR BREAD?
 - i. Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again.
 - j. WHAT TWO ILLUSTRATIONS DID HE USE TO SHOW THAT WE CAN NOT UNDERSTAND THE WORK OF GOD?
 - i. As you do not know the path of the wind
 - ii. You do not know how the body was formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the maker of all things.
 - k. WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IN THE MORNING? WHAT ABOUT THE EVENING?
 - i. Sow your seed in the morning.
 - ii. At evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed.
 - l. WHAT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED IN THE DAYS OF YOUR YOUTH?
 - i. Remember your creator in the days of your youth.
 - m. HOW IS OLD AGE DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION?
 - i. The sun and the light and the moon and stars grow dark.
 - ii. The keepers of the house tremble, and strong men stoop.
 - iii. The grinders cease because they are few.
 - iv. Those looking through the windows grow dim.
 - v. The sound of grinding fades.
 - vi. Men rise up at the sound of birds.

- vii. The grasshopper drags himself along.
- viii. Desire is no longer stirred.
- n. WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END OF OLD AGE?
 - i. Then man goes to his eternal home.
- o. WHAT DOES THE TEACHER SAY ABOUT EVERYTHING?
 - i. “Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Everything is meaningless!”
- p. WHAT DID THE TEACHER DO WITH KNOWLEDGE?
 - i. Not only was the Teacher wise, but also he imparted knowledge to the people. He pondered and searched out and set in order many proverbs. The Teacher searched to find just the right words.
- q. HOW WAS THE TEACHER’S WRITING DESCRIBED?
 - i. What he wrote was upright and true.
- r. WHEN WILL THE MAKING OF BOOKS END?
 - i. Of making many books there is no end.
- s. WHAT IS THE CONCLUSION OF THE WHOLE MATTER?
 - i. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

2. II CORINTHIANS 8:1-15

- a. WHAT DID PAUL WANT THE BROTHERS TO KNOW IN REGARD TO THE MACEDONIAN CHURCHES?
 - i. We want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches.
- b. WHAT CAME OUT OF THEIR MOST SEVERE TRIAL AND THEIR EXTREME POVERTY?
 - i. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.
- c. WHAT WAS PAUL’S TESTIMONY ABOUT THE MACEDONIAN CHURCHES?
 - i. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.
- d. PAUL SAID THAT THE CORINTHIANS EXCELLED IN EVERYTHING-IN FAITH, IN SPEECH, IN KNOWLEDGE, IN COMPLETE EARNESTNESS AND IN YOUR LOVE FOR US. IN WHAT ELSE DID HE WANT THEM TO EXCEL?
 - i. See to it that you excel in the grace of giving.
- e. HOW WAS PAUL GOING TO TEST THE LOVE OF THE CORINTHIANS?
 - i. I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.
- f. WHAT DID THE CORINTHIANS KNOW ABOUT THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST?
 - i. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ , that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.
- g. WHAT WAS PAUL’S DESIRE FOR THOSE INVOLVED?

- i. Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are had pressed, but that there might be equality.
 - h. WHAT WAS THE PLENTY OF THE CORINTHIANS FOR?
 - i. Your plenty will supply what they need.
 - i. WHAT WAS WRITTEN?
 - i. He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little.

- 3. PSALMS 49:1-20
 - a. WHO DID THE PSALMIST ASK TO LISTEN TO HIM?
 - i. All you peoples
 - b. WHAT WAS HIS MOUTH GOING TO SPEAK?
 - i. Words of wisdom
 - c. CAN A MAN REDEEM THE LIFE OF ANOTHER?
 - i. No man can redeem the life of another.
 - d. WHAT HAPPENS TO A WISE MAN? A FOOLISH MAN? A SENSELESS MAN?
 - i. All of them perish
 - e. WHAT HAPPENS TO THEIR FORMS (BODIES) THAT LIE IN THE GRAVE?
 - i. Their forms will decay in the grave, far from their princely mansions.
 - f. HOW DOES THE PSALMIST TELL US TO RESPOND TO THE MAN THAT GROWS RICH?
 - i. Do not be overawed by him

- 4. PROVERBS 22:20-21
 - a. HOW MANY SAYINGS DID HE WRITE?
 - i. Have I not written thirty sayings to you?
 - b. WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THESE SAYINGS?
 - i. So that they can give sound answers to him who sent you.