

2. Proverbs of Life and Death 4:1-16
 - a. comparative ideologies 4:1-3
 - b. enough is right 4:4-6
 - c. soul discontent: what am I working for if I am not working for someone? 4:7-8
 - d. companionship manifest: two are better than one 4:9-12
 - e. problems in government 4:13-14
a poor, wise child is better than an old, foolish, and proud king!
 - f. Preliminary resolution 4:15-16

3. Caution in life practice 5:1-20

- a. Vows 5:1-7
- b. The use of Stuff 5:8-17
- c. Preliminary resolution 5:18-20

The logic of chapter 5 is mind-boggling and needs to be weighed very carefully in our decision making and in our plans and practices. The warning about silver is surely as appropriate in our day as it ever was in the time of Solomon.

D. Discourse # 3: Experiences in Living 6:1--8:15

(remember that the word in the KJV translated "evil" may often just mean some form of trouble or disaster..not necessarily a matter of moral evil)

1. The ironies of life 6:1-8
 - a. You may get it but someone else may have it!
 - b. You may have everything but not have anything 6:3-5
 - c. You may attain but not be much benefitted by what you have gotten. 6:6-8

(There is a certain anguish in these that is hard on us but the correct nature of them is indisputable)