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(3) In the Epistles: Romans 16 and Philemon

d. Summary:

The relationships of love are bound in these four concepts: honor, unity, service and commitment. These are shown to us in the Song and demonstrated in the practicality of the New Testament

5. Conclusion: If we take the truths God has given and apply them in the power of the Word and the Spirit...many conflicts would not occur at all and those that do occur would have a resolution in truth and love. Our testimonies would be brighter and the reality of God's love would show more clearly.

**C. The Book of Ecclesiastes: reading at the Feast of Tabernacles**

*This book is the summary of the conclusions of the wisest man whoever lived (apart from the Lord, Himself) as he studied life in all its spheres and concluded that nothing is worthwhile if God is not "in it". The only thing that really counts in the ultimate is our relationship with God.*

1. Technical matters:

- a. Outline...not easy
- b. Authorship
- c. Terminology: "vanity" "vexation of spirit", "labor" "travail" etc.
- d. Philosophical viewpoint--biblically oriented
- e. Viewpoint of commentators

2. The overall picture..in a very simplified statement:

The person who can have everything, do everything, prosper in everything...is miserable if God is not with him and in what the person does. Without God all is vanity and vexation of spirit and what might appear to be good for a brief time...turns out to be a disappointment. This conclusion is the result of a deep and continued study in the experiment of living.