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**First, in (V13A): “Consider the work of God”:**

What is the work of God? It could be many things; but here, I believe Solomon spoke of that which God has done, and that which God IS ACTIVELY DOING in each of our lives as children of God by His wisdom/providence? Question for you, child of God: Do you CONSIDER God to be doing His work in your life?

*Philippians 1:6, 2:12-13, Hebrews 13:20-21*

Understand that God is always actively working/governing the things that come to pass in our lives; even in the dark times when we “wrongly” think that God has forsaken us/left us to ourselves; especially in those times, God is with us; teaching us and fashioning us in the image of Christ!

But so often, (in our thinking) instead of trusting God in what He is doing in our lives for our good, we become discontented and we want to CHANGE what God is doing in our lives. The truth is, we often don't like God's methods and the providences which He has appointed for us; BUT BELOVED, IT IS the work of God in your life! God is working IN YOU!

How often do we waste precious hours in our day thinking about what ifs? If this or that would or wouldn't have happened, then things wouldn't be so bad; my life would be better. That's like saying, if God wouldn't have brought THIS trial and this difficulty into my life; if God would have just stayed out of it, things would be a whole lot better! This is wrong thinking!

*CONSIDER and KNOW that the work of God is NECESSARY in your life; if God doesn't DO His work in you; you are NOT His child! The sooner you believe this by faith, the sooner you will grow in grace and spiritual maturity.*

**Solomon is teaching us that “EVERY providence” in our lives; both the straight and the crooked paths, or the things that happen that make you think; God has NOTHING to do with this!**

This is completely off the grid of God's revealed will, God isn't in this; but God IS actively involved in every providence that happens in your life.

God designed what happened in your life TODAY and EVERY DAY specifically for YOU for your own growth in grace and sanctification! For your part, you must (by faith) CONSIDER it to be the work of God! And this thought brings me to two (2) BLESSED REMINDERS which we already learned!

*Ecclesiastes 3:11-14, 7:8-10*

In Psalm 107, four (4) times the Psalmist breaks into PRAISE of God for His wonderful works to the children of men. *(107:8-15-21-31)*

*Psalms 107:32-43*

God's providential hand in your life, Christian, is ALWAYS for your good. Especially the times of adversity, affliction, and in the difficulties of this life.

As with the Psalmist in our passage in Psalm 107; so, there will be times in your life, in which God will turn the rivers into a wilderness and dry ground; fruitfulness and prosperity will become barrenness & poverty, thus God will, at times, bring us low. Then at other times, God will turn our wilderness into a fruitful place, and the dry ground will become springs of water.

*When we OBSERVE/CONSIDER all “these things” to be the work of God, (the difficult times AND the prosperous times) ONLY THEN we will understand the lovingkindness of the LORD; we will see that IT IS GOD WORKING IN US!*

**Hence, when Solomon asked the question: “Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which He hath made crooked?”**

The answer is, no one can make that straight, which God hath made crooked! And

Solomon is not speaking of something that is “morally crooked” or “wrong”; but simply this, that God made our course or path “crooked” or He has designed a situation or path that doesn’t make sense to us.

But know that whatever God has designed for you, IN IT, God is conforming you to the image of Christ! He is sanctifying you and bringing you into closer dependence on Him. So, don’t try to straighten that which God which has made crooked. But that’s what we so often do; we try to fix, straighten, or change the work of God; that which He is DOING in our lives, because we don’t like it!

*Job 34:29: “When He giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? And when He hideth His face, who then can behold Him?”*

The bottom line: We should submit ourselves to God’s EVERY providence in our lives and NOT try and “straighten” that which God is doing. When you do this, you are (in effect) trying to “correct God”; resisting His will. And you are trying to do that which cannot be done!

**(7:14): “In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after Him”**

God compassionately and lovingly balances our days of prosperity and adversity; so enjoy your seasons of rest in the prosperous times when they come; but know that if God were to leave us TOO LONG in times of ease and prosperity, how soon would our faith in Him be weakened; hence the days of adversity are those NECESSARY times that God uses to drive us to Him by faith, dependence, and trust in Him.

*Psalms 107:43: “Whoso is wise, and will observe these things (with a spiritual mind), even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD”*

**“To the end that man should find nothing after Him”**

You can’t forecast life; don’t try; submit to God’s providence every day of your life, as saith the Psalmist:

*Psalms 31:15: “My times are in His hand”*

Your life, Christian has been perfectly scripted and designed by your heavenly Father; don’t try and figure it out, just gladly submit to His providence, and you shall do well in this life.