



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

NINILCHIK

11/12/23, Ecclesiastes 7:8 “The Better End & Spirit”

ESV, Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

KJV, Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

JPS, The end of a matter is better than the beginning of it. Better a patient spirit than a haughty spirit.

טוב אַחֲרֵית דְּבַר מִרְאשִׁיתוֹ (tōv a-cha-REEYT da-VAR mā-rā-sheey-TŌ)
טוב אֶרְדֵּרוֹת מִגְּבוּהֵרוֹת (tōv er-EKH_roo-ACH migg-VAH_roo-AKH)

I. Particular Insights from this Verse

A. the better end, **v8a**

1. general comprehension
 - a. fruit better than blossom
 - b. reaping better than sowing
 - c. consuming better than reaping
2. glorious sanctification
 - a. born in sin; born again in Christ (1 Cor 15:42)
 - b. begin in foolishness; end as fellow heirs (Rom 8:17)

B. the last “word” (דְּבַר) **v8a**

1. pertaining to Messiah
 - a. last word to His disciples before the cross (John 14-16)
 - b. last word to high priest (Matt 26:64)
 - c. last word to Israel (7 last words in the gospels)
 - d. last word to Peter (John 21:19)
 - e. last word to John (Rev 22:20)

C. patient spirit, **v8b**

1. its Redeemer
 - a. John 2:4; 7:6; 8:20; Gal 4:4
2. its reality
 - a. Ecc 3:1
3. its reward
 - a. Rom 2:7; 5:3-5; Jas 1:2-3

D. proud spirit, **v8c**

1. its root & relationships
 - a. 1 Jn 2:16
2. its rebellion
 - a. Luke 9:23
3. its recompense
 - a. Rom 2:8