

11 Wisdom along with an inheritance is good  
And an advantage to those who see the sun.

12 For wisdom is protection *just as* money is protection,  
But the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the lives of  
its possessors.

13 Consider the work of God,  
For who is able to straighten what He has bent?

14 In the day of prosperity be happy,  
But in the day of adversity consider—  
God has made the one as well as the other  
So that man will not discover anything *that will be* after him.

Special Notes for Today:

At 11:30am – Sanctuary Communion

1:00 p.m. – DreamScape Sharing Circle-Pastor John

No Class on May 3 – Large Church Initiative

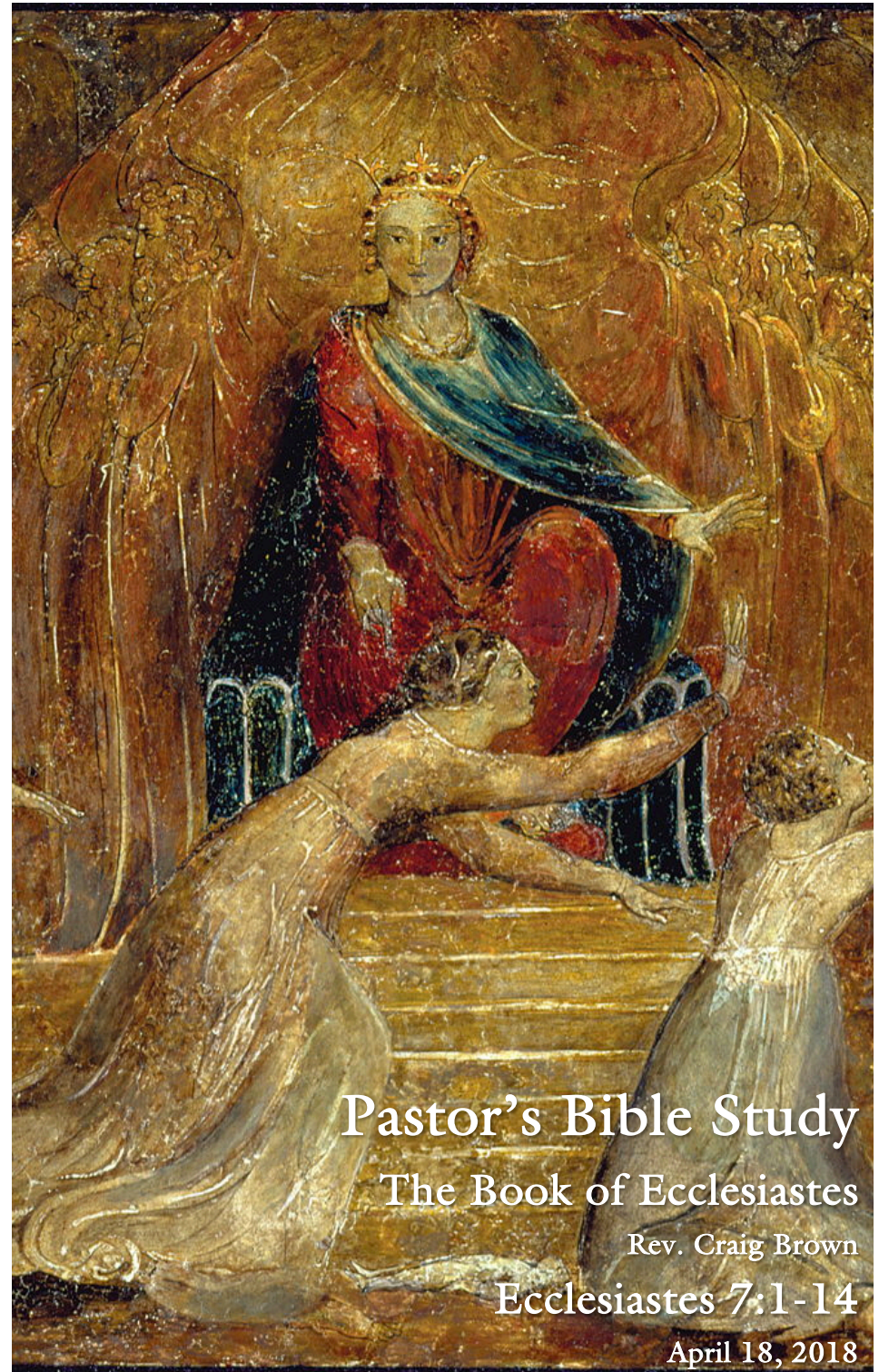
Beginning May 9 @ 6:30 p.m. Study, 7:15 Organ Prelude,

7:30 Sunset Worship

Next Week: Read Ecclesiastes 7

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Pastor's Bible Study

The Book of Ecclesiastes

Rev. Craig Brown

Ecclesiastes 7:1-14

April 18, 2018

1 A good name is better than a good ointment,  
And the day of *one's* death is better than the day of one's birth.

2 It is better to go to a house of mourning  
Than to go to a house of feasting,  
Because that is the end of every man,  
And the living takes *it* to heart.

3 Sorrow is better than laughter,  
For when a face is sad a heart may be happy.

4 The mind of the wise is in the house of mourning,  
While the mind of fools is in the house of pleasure.

5 It is better to listen to the rebuke of a wise man  
Than for one to listen to the song of fools.

6 For as the crackling of thorn bushes under a pot,  
So is the laughter of the fool;  
And this too is futility.

7 For oppression makes a wise man mad,  
And a bribe corrupts the heart.

8 The end of a matter is better than its beginning;  
Patience of spirit is better than haughtiness of spirit.

9 Do not be eager in your heart to be angry,  
For anger resides in the bosom of fools.

10 Do not say, "Why is it that the former days  
were better than these?"  
For it is not from wisdom that you ask about this.