

Living Life with a  
Realistic View

Part 2

*Ecclesiastes 7:15-29*



## Summary of Today's Message

Solomon has graduated: Rather than tipping the scales completely towards pessimism, he balances out with realism. This is a realistic view at one of man's most puzzling problems. we will explore the nature of man with undiminished realism and find out what it means to us here and now.

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Atheism-there is evil and so a good loving God is incompatible with the existence of evil thus there is no God

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2. Agnosticism-I don't know

A is the Greek prefix for without and then nostos -  
knowledge

I am without knowledge.

The Latin equivalent of the Greek anosto is ignoramus.

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3. Deism-reduces God to cause only

Rabbi Harold Kushner

“When Good Things Happen to Bad People”

“God would like people to get what they deserve in life, but He can’t always arrange it-There are just some things God doesn’t control.

And he encourages us the reader to please forgive God for his inadequacies

Poor God he would like to do something about this mess, but He can’t”

We refute Kushner's statement.

The believer believes

**GOD IS IN CONTROL**

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4. Spiritual Idealism –

Spiritual Idealism is the theology that says  
evil does exist but if you are a true Christian  
than you don't have to ever have to face it



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## 5. Biblical Realism

Evil is real God is real  
and there are many  
reasons for the existence of evil

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## A Pervasive Condition

Vs.20-21

For there is not a just man on earth who does  
good  
And does not sin.

Vs.29

Truly, this only I have found:  
That God made man upright,

But they have sought out many schemes.”

We all are infected with a virus called the SIN  
virus

**Isaiah** “All of us like sheep have gone astray we  
all have sought our own way

**Paul** “There is none that doeth good no not one  
we’ve all sinned”

The only cure is the blood of Christ on the cross  
of Calvary

Remember It When You **Listen** (v. 21)

Also, do not take to heart everything people  
say,

Lest you hear your servant cursing you.

If you want to be aware of the sinful nature  
of humanity just listen to people talk

**Charles Spurgeon**

“A minister ought to have one blind eye and  
one deaf ear”

Remember It When You Speak (v. 23)

Wisdom doesn't come from observation  
or investigation this kind of wisdom  
can only come from special revelation

# Remember it in Your Relationships

(vv. 23-25; 27-29)

Five ways to face the fact that we live in a  
sinful world

We can **hide** from it

We can **deny** it

We can **idealize** it

We can apply shoddy **theology** to it

Or

We can face it and realize you are part of the  
**problem**

Life is short  
Death is sure  
Sin is the cause  
Christ is the cure