

A woman's profile is visible on the left side of the frame, looking upwards. The background is a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with warm, golden light filtering through scattered, soft clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

ECCLESIASTES

Making Sense Out of Life

***Making Wise
Comparisons***

Ecclesiastes 7:1-12

1. Grieving a death is better than celebrating a birth.

Psalm 90:12

**“So teach us to number our days,
that we may apply our hearts
unto wisdom.”**

- 1. Grieving a death is better than celebrating a birth.**
- 2. A stinging rebuke is better than frivolous praise.**

Proverbs 27:6

“Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.”

Psalm 141:5

“Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities.”

Hebrews 12:11

“Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.”

- 1. Grieving a death is better than celebrating a birth.**
- 2. A stinging rebuke is better than frivolous praise.**
- 3. Patient hope is better than prideful dissatisfaction.**

Proverbs 4:7

**“Wisdom is the principal thing;
therefore get wisdom: ...”**