

# WHAT IS LIFE ABOUT?

**Ecclesiastes 7:15-18**



The Bible **always** gives us the reality and **never** lies about or glosses over that reality.

**Particularly** during times of adversity, and in light of our **mortality** (the transient nature of life), we need to “consider the work of God” which deals with **what life is about**.

So consider the work of God and **accept** that  
God's work to straighten (bring **good** into your life)  
and God's work to bend (bring **adversity** into your life)  
are in His **caring control**. Consider, remember, own  
that you will never fully grasp, change, or be able to  
predict or control how God works in your life.

From **verse 15** to the **end** of the chapter, Solomon is building on this reality about your life:



From **verse 15** to the **end** of the chapter, Solomon is building on this reality about your life:

1. God is in careful control of your life.

From **verse 15** to the **end** of the chapter, Solomon is building on this reality about your life:

1. God is in careful control of your life.
2. By His wisdom He brings both prosperity and adversity to your life.



From **verse 15** to the **end** of the chapter, Solomon is building on this reality about your life:

1. God is in careful control of your life.
2. By His wisdom He brings both prosperity and adversity to your life.
3. You can never work out the full measure of God's ways in doing any of this.

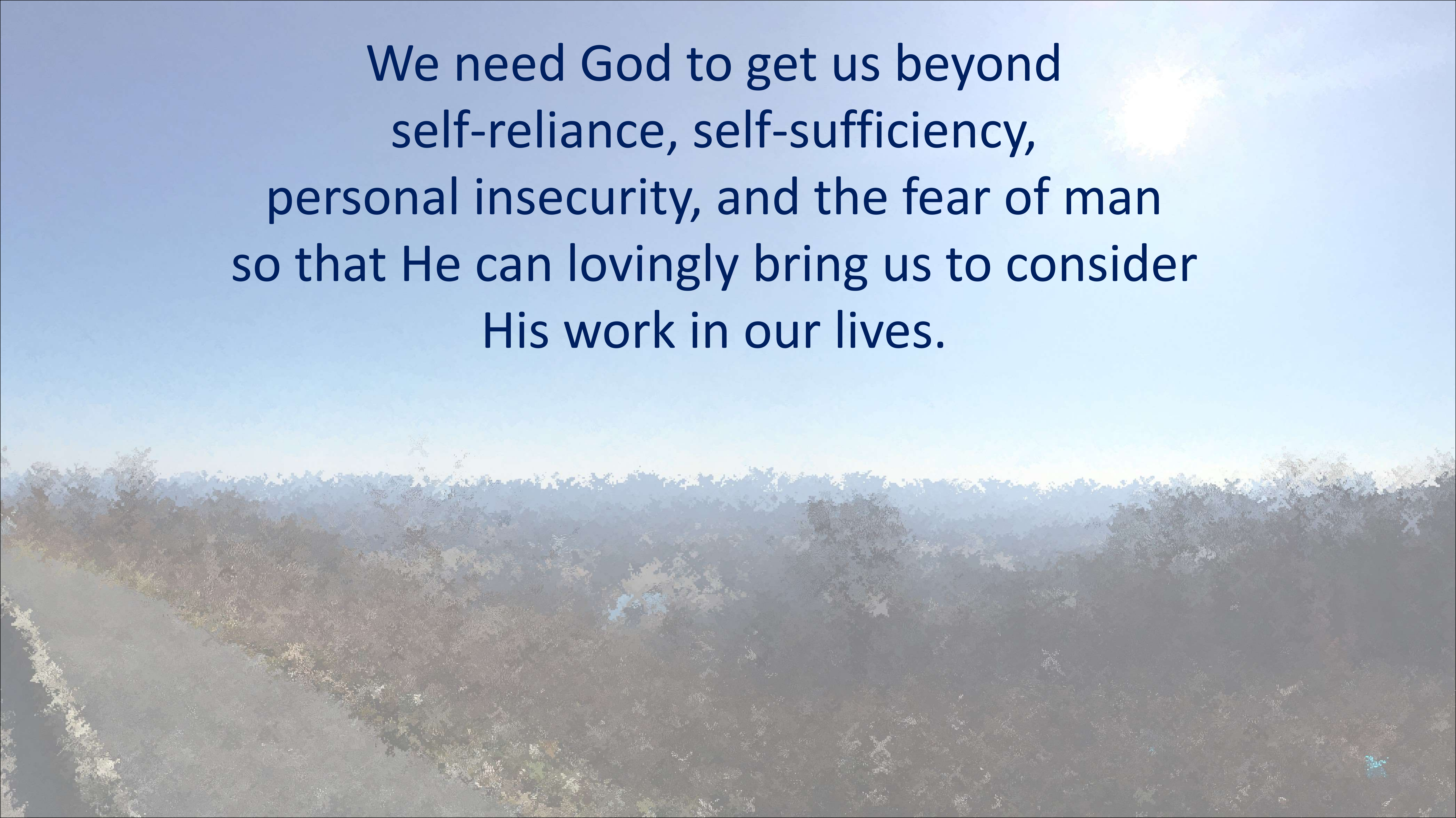
**1. Life is not about excesses; it's about fearing God. (7:15-18)**





What **God plans** to do or not to do with each person is a knowledge which is **beyond us** in this life.

So when God acts in a person's life, don't allow what God chooses to do with you or with others to ruin you, -- to conflict, confuse, or discourage you.

A scenic landscape with a sun in a blue sky and a forest in the foreground. The sun is in the upper right corner, casting a bright glow. The sky is a clear, light blue. The foreground is a dense forest of trees with green and brown foliage. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

We need God to get us beyond  
self-reliance, self-sufficiency,  
personal insecurity, and the fear of man  
so that He can lovingly bring us to consider  
His work in our lives.

A landscape photograph showing a bright sun in a clear blue sky. The foreground is filled with dense, dark green foliage. A dark, semi-transparent banner is overlaid at the bottom of the image, containing the text "ECCLESIASTES: LIFE UNDER THE SON" in a light blue, sans-serif font.

ECCLESIASTES: LIFE UNDER THE SON