

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 (NLT)

Approaching God with Care

- 5:1** As you enter the house of God, keep your ears open and your mouth shut. It is evil to make mindless offerings to God. **2** Don't make rash promises, and don't be hasty in bringing matters before God. After all, God is in heaven, and you are here on earth. So let your words be few.
- 3** Too much activity gives you restless dreams; too many words make you a fool.

- 4 When you make a promise to God, don't delay in following through, for God takes no pleasure in fools. Keep all the promises you make to him. 5 It is better to say nothing than to make a promise and not keep it. 6 Don't let your mouth make you sin. And don't defend yourself by telling the Temple messenger that the promise you made was a mistake. That would make God angry, and he might wipe out everything you have achieved.
- 7 Talk is cheap, like daydreams and other useless activities. Fear God instead.