



Ecclesiastes

By "The Preacher," son of David, King in Jerusalem

*"There is no new thing
under the sun."*

generations go and come

the sun comes up and goes down

rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full

the wind goes in all directions

no remembrance of things passed



I have seen all the works
that are done under the sun;
and indeed, all is vanity and
grasping for the wind. 1:14

Vanity

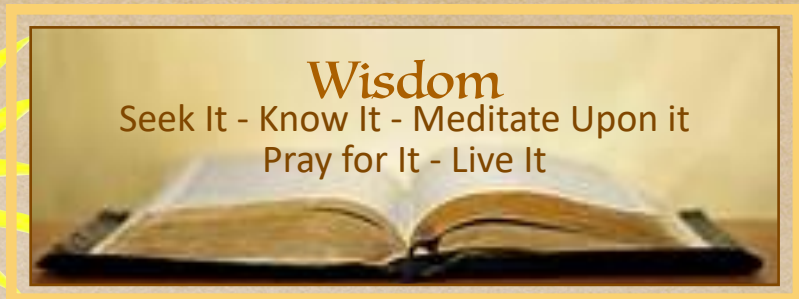
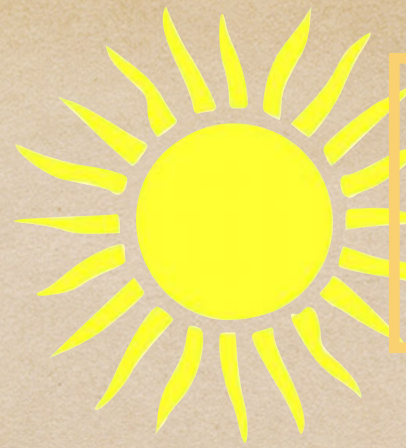
The definition of vanity is having a lot of pride or conceit in your appearance or achievements. It also means worthless, emptiness, or something without value just like life apart from God is nothing. Saying you're a Christian, but living in rebellion is vanity.



Ecclesiastes 2



"For who can eat,
or who can have
enjoyment,
more than I?" 2:25



Also my wisdom remained with me. 2:9b

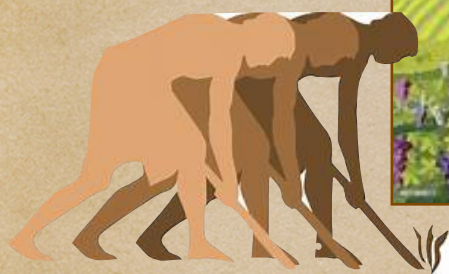
How does a wise
man die? 2:2:16



All a chasing
after the wind
1:14; 2:11,26



"As it happens to the fool,
It also happens to me... 2:15
This also is vanity."



What are you making time for in this life?



There is a season...
season...season....

gain - lose

embrace-refrain from embracing

throw away stones - gather stones

tear - to sew

keep - throw away

silence - speak

love - hate

war - peace

mourn - dance

born-die

plant - pluck

kill - heal

break down - build up

weep - laugh



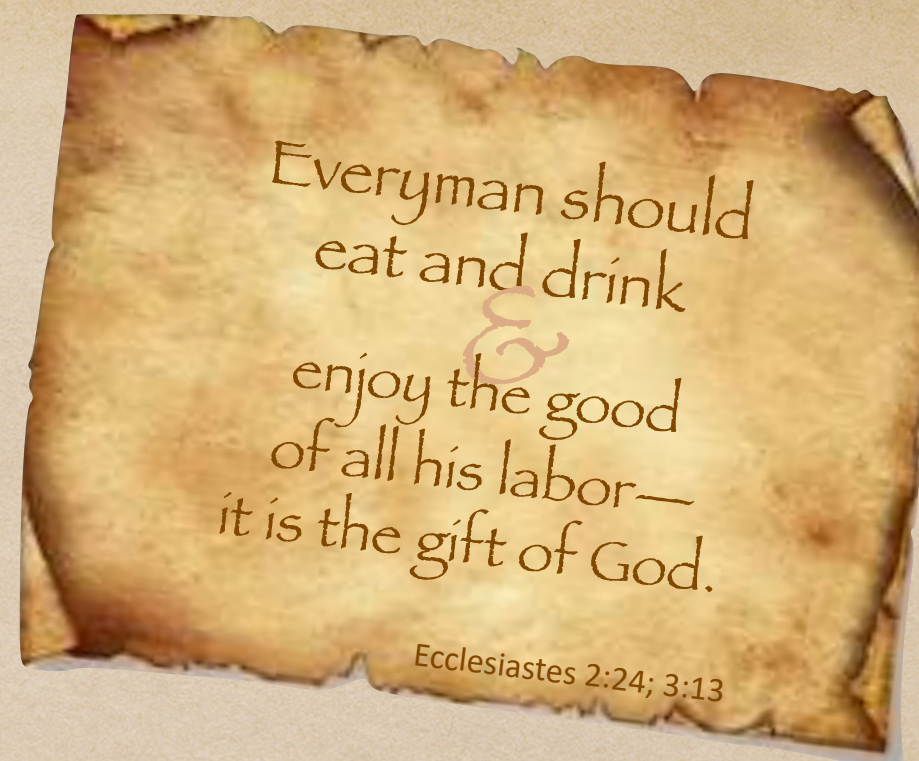
Ecclesiastes 3



Ecclesiastes 3 (con't)



God requires
an account of
what is past.



Everyman should
eat and drink
&
enjoy the good
of all his labor—
it is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 2:24; 3:13

Man & Animals
All came from dust
&
all will return to dust.





Time Log

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1 am			
2 am			
3 am			
4 am			
5 am			
6 am			
7 am			
8 am			
9 am			
10 am			
11 am			
Noon			
1 pm			
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Midnight			



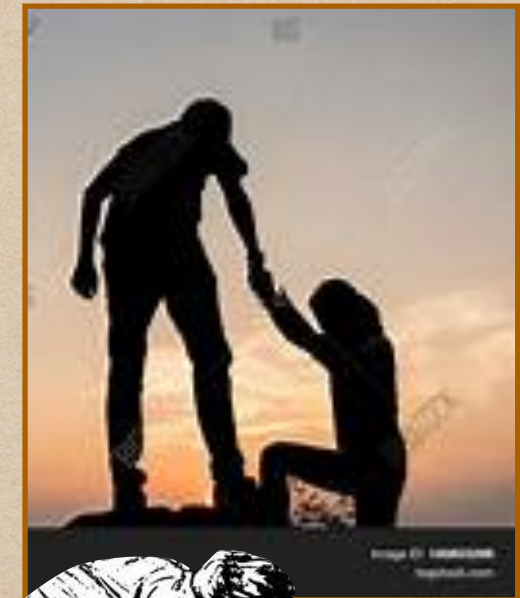
This exercise may surprise you!



Ecclesiastes 4

The Lord also
will be a
a Refuge for the
Oppressed,
A refuge in
Times of Trouble.
Psalms 9:9

Two are
Better than One





Ecclesiastes 5

- ✓ How should you approach the house of God?
- ✓ What is the “sacrifice of fools?”



You Can't
Take it with You:



The ONLY thing
you have
that will leave
this earth is
YOUR SOUL!





Ecclesiastes 6

For who can tell a man
what will be after him under the sun?

Ecc. 6:12b

What if —

- A man has wealth, riches and honor
BUT a foreigner enjoys them.
- Has 100 children and he lives many years
BUT he can't even afford a proper burial.
- A man works to eat
But he is never satisfied.
- A man lives 1,000 years twice
BUT fails to enjoy his prosperity



= **Vanity**



Destination for Everyone.

What other comparisons are made as a guide to making better choices?



Ecclesiastes 7



A good name is better than
a precious ointment. 7:1



Which is the
BETTER CHOICE?



A House of Feasting

Listen to song of fools

Laughter

Day of prosperity-joyful



A House of Mourning



Rebuke of a wiseman



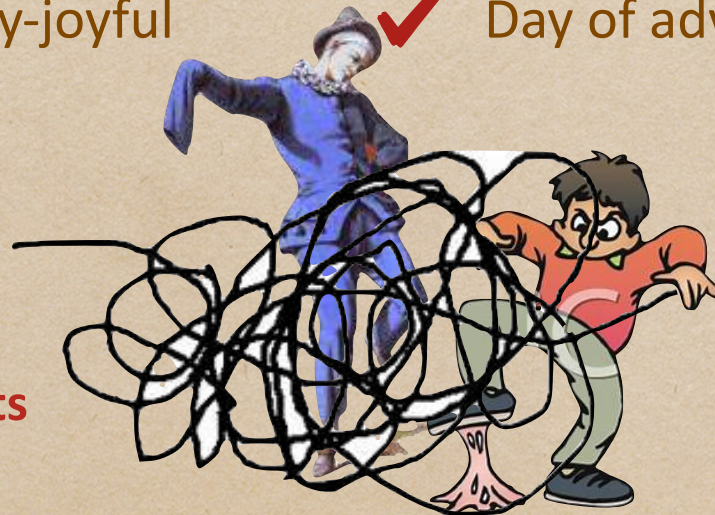
Sorrow



Day of adversity

OR

Follow God
& Listen to
the Wise &
Escape
Entanglements



What does he advise
to do in moderation?



Use time to search out wisdom rather than more vain schemes!



Ecclesiastes 8

Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. 8:11



The Oath of Loyalty



God, through David, chose Solomon to be the King of Israel after his father David. Already a half brother, Adonijah, amidst much feasting and premature celebrations was declaring himself king of Israel.

It broke up the party when Adonijah and his followers discovered Solomon had officially been made king and all Jerusalem was rejoicing! The people, leaders and mighty men pledged loyalty to Solomon before God.

Now it was time for Solomon to clean house, little by little.

1 Kings 1, 1 Chronicles 29, Ecclesiastes 8:2
(READ these passages as they are so exciting!!)



When You are Before the King:

- Obey his commands according to the oath taken before God.
- Do not be in a hurry to leave his presence.
- Do not stand up for a bad cause, as he will do as he pleases.

Can a person know when he will die?



Can a person lengthen his shadow?



Ecclesiastes 9



“A live dog is better off
than a dead lion.” 9:4

have hope
working
planning
knowledge
wisdom
know they will die
God favors good you do
what hands find to do—
do with might



The grave is the ultimate equalizer.



know nothing
no further reward
forgotten
no love, hate or jealousy
never have any part in what happens
under the sun
no working, planning, knowledge, wisdom

*The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong,
nor does food come to the wise or wealth to
the brilliant or favor to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all. 9:11*



Ecclesiastes 10

The Fool



The Fool Multiplies Words

The Fool is Lazy

Wherever He Is He Acts
a Fool

Fools Have Been Elevated
Servants on Horses
While Princes Walk

What would the
"little bird" tell them?





Ecclesiastes 11

Cast your bread
upon the waters...



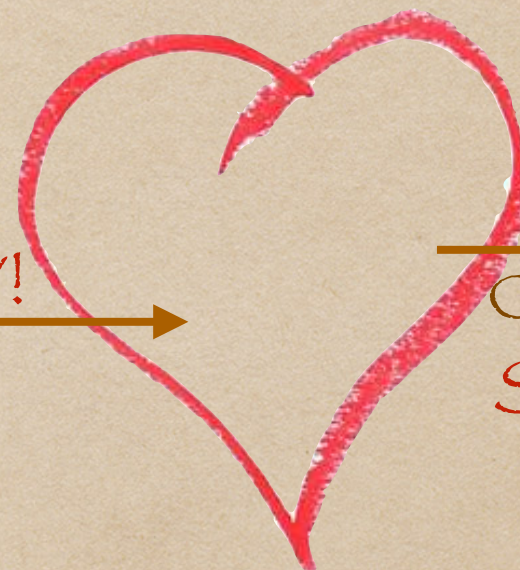
What does the writer
say to show how important
good deeds and acts of charity
are to you

?

Give!



JOY!



CAST OUT
Sorrow
Evil

Keep busy!





Ecclesiastes 12

Remember!

Important



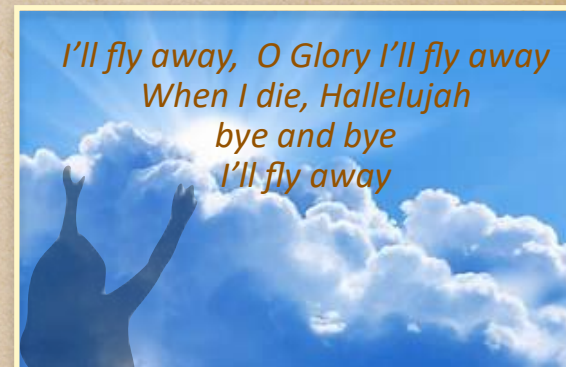
Remember thy Creator in the days of your youth before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say



“I find no pleasure in them.”



I'll fly away, O Glory I'll fly away
When I die, Hallelujah
bye and bye
I'll fly away



Now all has been heard, here is the conclusion of the matter:
Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole [duty] of man.