

All Is Vanity | Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun? A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises. The wind blows to the south and goes around to the north; around and around goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again.

All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. Is there a thing of which it is said, "See this is new"? It has been already in the ages before us. There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be any remembrance of later things yet to be among those who come after.

Why Study Ecclesiastes?

1. Honest view of the troubles of life –
2. Honest questions about the meaning of life –
3. Honest view of the goodness of God –
4. Honest understanding of the glory of God –

How Do We Study Ecclesiastes?

1. Cultivating wisdom –
2. A unified message –
3. With the crucified and risen Christ –

Applying Gospel-Centered Hope In Ecclesiastes

1. Fearing God –
2. Obeying His commands –
3. Enjoying Him

A. Vanity of Vanities (v. 1-2)

- a. "Not one single aspect of our existence – and therefore not one single thing that will happen to us today – is free from being frustrated by futility." (Philip Ryken)

B. The Argument of Vanity (v. 3-8)

1. Work
2. Time
3. Creation

C. Pessimistic Outlook (v. 9-11)

1. Escapism
2. Nihilism
3. Hedonism

All Things New In Christ

1. Christ's work changes everything –
2. Christ's work is all new –
3. Christ's work will be and is remembered –

Benediction | Revelation 21:1-5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."