

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

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- I. The word Ecclesiastes means “the one who calls an _____.”
- II. The preacher/teacher in the book of Ecclesiastes is _____.
- III. Ecclesiastes teaches that all efforts to find real and lasting purpose in life _____ are meaningless.

“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher.
“Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.” What do people gain from all their labor at which they toil under the sun.’

Ecclesiastes 1:2-3(NIV)

“Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.”

James 4:14 (NIV)

“For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.”

Romans 8:18-21(KJV)

- ❖ Why is this world subjected to vanity?

Because God wants us to know that meaning and purpose are ultimately and eternally _____ in _____!

IV. Solomon gives 4 things that he sees as meaningless in this world.

- 1. Time marches on and we cannot _____ it nor _____ it.

(Ecclesiastes 1:4-8a)

- ❖ Remember the _____ and then the design and order and cycles are not meaningless but _____!

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.”

Psalm 19:1-2 (NIV)

- ❖ Trust the creator with all the things that you cannot _____.

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

- 2. The endless search for _____ and _____ in life under the sun.

“All things are wearisome, more than one can say. The eye never has enough of seeing, nor the ear its fill of hearing.”

Ecclesiastes 1:8 (NIV)

- ❖ God is my _____ and my _____.

“for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.”

Psalm 107:9 (NIV)

“I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in

plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

Philippians 4:12-13 (NIV)

3. There seems to be nothing really _____ and _____ under the sun.

"What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun."

Ecclesiastes 1:9 (NIV)

❖ In God there is the excitement of _____!

"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

Romans 6:4 (NIV)

"Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea... 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Revelation 21:1,4-5 (NIV)

4. The insignificance of _____ under the sun.

"No one remembers the former generations, and even those yet to come will not be remembered by those who follow them."

Ecclesiastes 1:11 (NIV)

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not

destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)