



Beyond the Sun: Enduring When Life Feels Meaningless

Ecclesiastes 1-3, 12

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Ecclesiastes 1:1-8 – Life Under the Sun

“Everything is meaningless...” (v.2)

- The Hebrew word for “meaningless” is _____, meaning vapor or breath.
- Life under the sun can feel **trivial**, repetitive, and _____.
- Even the “higher things” like family, work, and integrity can feel like **chasing after the** _____.

Key Point #1:

Acknowledge that things feel like _____

Ecclesiastes 2:24-26 – Enjoyment Is a Gift

“Then I realized that these pleasures are from the hand of God...” (v.24)

- A shift happens: the Teacher recognizes **joy, wisdom**, and **work** as _____ **from God**.
- Sometimes the point of life’s gifts isn’t meaning—but _____.
- Even when life is repetitive, we can enjoy the _____, the _____, and the _____.

Key Point #2:

Embrace the _____ **of God**

Ecclesiastes 3:11 – Eternity in Our Hearts

“God has made everything beautiful for its own time...”

- We long for something eternal because we were _____ **for more**.
- We can’t always see the whole picture, but God is working out something _____.

Key Point #3:

Focus on the _____

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 – Final Words

“Fear God and keep his commandments...”

- To “fear God” is not terror—it’s **reverence, awe, and submission**.
- All will be judged—even the _____ **things**, whether good or bad.

Key Point #4:

Live in _____ **of God**