

SOLOMON THOUGHT ABOUT LIFE

Ecclesiastes 1



Solomon was the richest man in the world. He was famous. He was wiser than any man who had ever lived. He was the most powerful person in all of Israel. Yet, Solomon realized that having all these gifts could never give his life meaning and purpose.

Solomon wrote a book called Ecclesiastes to teach this truth to other people. The book begins this way:

“Everything is absolutely worthless.’
What does a person gain for all his hard work?

A generation of people dies, and another is born,

But the earth is pretty much the same as it has always been.

The sun rises and sets over and over, the same as it always has.

Everything is so tiring, more than anyone wants to say out loud.

No matter what you see, you always want to see more.

No matter what you hear, you always want to hear more.

What you do today, you’ll have to do again tomorrow.

There is nothing new anywhere under the sun.”

Solomon wanted people to realize that no matter what we do on earth, none of it really matters unless we are living for God’s glory. Knowing and serving God is what truly matters (Eccl. 8:12).

Christ Connection: People spend their lives trying to get riches, power, and fame, but none of it lasts. Only a life spent trusting in Jesus as Savior and following Him will matter in the end. Jesus lived, died, and rose again so we could find purpose in Him and be with God forever.



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Unscramble the words to complete the Christ Connection from today's Bible story.

People spend their lives trying to get _____ (rehics), power, and _____ (fema), but none of it lasts. Only a life spent _____ (tusrintg) in Jesus as _____ (Siovar) and following Him will _____ (metatr) in the end. Jesus lived, died, and rose again so we could find _____ (popurse) in Him and be with God _____ (fevorer).

» What does this story teach us about God?

» What does Solomon say about people who fear or love God? Look at Ecclesiastes 8:12-13.

GOSPEL DISCUSSION

We can only experience our true purpose—to love God and be loved by Him—by placing our trust in His Son, Jesus. We were made to know God and enjoy Him forever. Only faith in Jesus can bring us to God. Have you put your faith in Jesus?



THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

- » Where are people most tempted to place their value, worth, and time? Why?

- » How does faith in Jesus give us purpose?

- » Why should we trust God and His Word over the ways of the world?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Proverbs 3:7 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, praising Him for giving believers purpose and meaning in following Jesus.

READ THE WORD

Think about how Jesus gives our lives meaning and purpose. Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ Ecclesiastes 2:4-11

☐ Ecclesiastes 8:12

☐ Ephesians 3:7-11

☐ Proverbs 23:17

☐ Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

☐ Psalm 147:11