



# **CHASING THE WIND**

**JANUARY 2, 2022 - A LOOK AT ECCLESIASTES**

**The words of the Preacher, the son of David,  
king in Jerusalem. 2 Vanity of vanities, says the  
Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. 3 What  
does man gain by all the toil at which he toils  
under the sun? 4 A generation goes, and a  
generation comes, but the earth remains  
forever.**

**5 The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises. 6 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. 7 All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again.**

**8 All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. 9 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. 10 Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It has been already in the ages before us.**

**11 There is no remembrance of former things,  
nor will there be any remembrance of later  
things yet to be among those who come after.**

# Two Lessons about Life

## 1. Life is Short

**“This is an evil in all that is done under the sun,  
that the same event happens to all. Also, the  
hearts of the children of man are full of evil, and  
madness is in their hearts while they live, and  
after that they go to the dead.”**

**Ecclesiastes 9:3**

**“All go to one place. All are from dust, and to  
dust all return.”**

**Ecclesiastes 3:20**



**“As he came from his mother’s womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind?”**

**Ecclesiastes 5:15-16**

# Two Lessons about Life

1. Life is short.
2. Life is confusing.

**“Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.”**

**Ecclesiastes 5:17**

**“In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one as well as the other, so that man may not find out anything that will be after him.”**

**Ecclesiastes 7:14**

**“In my vain life I have seen everything. There is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in evildoing.”**

**Ecclesiastes 7:15**

**“Surely there is not a righteous man on earth  
who does good and never sins.”**

**Ecclesiastes 7:20**

**“See, this alone I found, that God made man  
upright, but they have sought out many  
schemes.”**

**Ecclesiastes 7:29**

# Two Lessons about Life

1. Life is short.
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# Two Truths about God

1. God has eternal purposes.



**“What gain has the worker from his toil? 10 I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. 11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. 12 I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live;**

**13 also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man. 14 I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him. 15 That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away.”**

**Ecclesiastes 3:9-15**



**And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

**Colossians 3:17**

# Two Truths about God

1. God has eternal purposes.
2. God will judge all things.

**“The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.”**

**Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**



**For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God  
is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Romans 6:23**



**Conclusion Point:**

**We can enjoy life with God!**

**I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God’s gift to man.**

**Ecclesiastes 3:12**

**And I commend joy, for man has nothing better under the sun but to eat and drink and be joyful, for this will go with him in his toil through the days of his life that God has given him under the sun.**

**Ecclesiastes 8:15**

**Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the  
days of your vain life that he has given you  
under the sun...**

**Ecclesiastes 9:9**

**So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.**

**Ecclesiastes 11:8**

