



Sermon Outline
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Real Talk

Ecclesiastes

Series objective: *To reveal that from Genesis to Revelation God's Big Story is that He wants to be with us, and He wants us to be with Him.*

Series goal: *To help us become more aware of living the "with God" life.*

In the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon speaks from _____:

1:16 - I said to myself, "Look, I have increased in wisdom more than anyone who has ruled over Jerusalem before me; I have experienced much of wisdom and knowledge."

2:1a & 10a - I said to myself, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good." I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure.

2:4 - I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards.

2:8a - I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces. **Estimated worth - \$2.2 Trillion**

Solomon reveals four unsatisfying pursuits in life:

1. P _____

2:11 - Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.

2. P _____ - 1:14 - I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

3. P _____ - 4:16 - There was no end to all the people who were before them. But those who came later were not pleased with the successor. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

4. P _____ - 4:4 - And I saw that all toil and all achievement spring from one person's envy of another. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

Solomon highlights three uncontrollable realities of life:

1. _____ - 1:9 - What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.

2. _____ - 3:1-2a - There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die...

3. _____ - 8:14a - There is something else meaningless that occurs on earth: the righteous who get what the wicked deserve, and the wicked who get what the righteous deserve.

*** Humanity's Conundrum – Life can appear to be _____.**

*** The Solution – Include _____ in every aspect of your life.**

12:13 - Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.

P.S. = _____ & _____

P – *I will look for and become more aware of the little things in life that I can enjoy and be thankful for.*

S – *As I engage in conversation, I will bring up the little things in life that I am learning to enjoy and be thankful for and give God the credit.*