



ECCLESIASTES

Discovering Life in the Land of Death



Ecclesiastes 6:1-12 ESV

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“Ecclesiastes is one of God’s gifts to help us live in the real world. It’s a book of the bible that gets under the radar of our thinking and acts like a [grenade] to explode our make-believe games and jolt us into realising that everything is not as clean and tidy as the ‘let’s pretend’ world suggests.”

David Gibson



2 Timothy 3:16-17 CSB

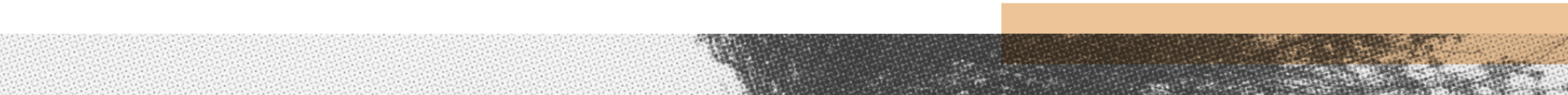
All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Pure Joy



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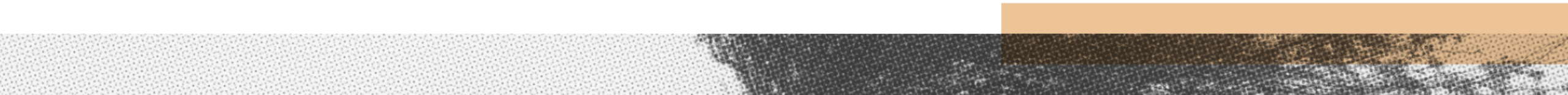


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Job 1:21

The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord



Pure Joy



Romans 1:22-25

Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity to the dishonouring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever!

True Satisfaction



Ecclesiastes 6:3-6

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"One benefit of silence is simply searching the depths of own souls, asking what our blind spots have become in the rush of everyday life. In the busyness, is there anything important I'm neglecting or repressing? How am I doing in my various roles? Where do I need to refocus? ... [Resting] is no special grace on its own. But the goal is to create a context for enhancing our hearing from God in his word and responding back to him in prayer."

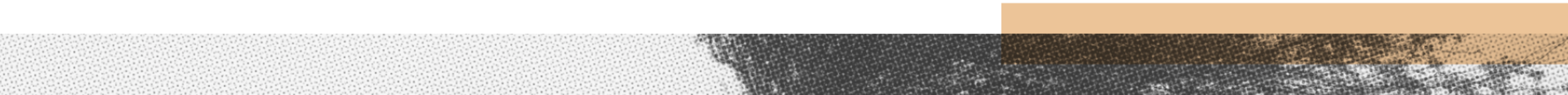
David Mathis

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Matthew 11:28–30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.



Glorious Contentment



Ecclesiastes 6:7-9

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Ecclesiastes 6:10-12

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Isaiah 53:3–6

despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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John 11:25-26

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?

