

SERMON NOTES
ECCLESIASTES 1:1-11
NO GAIN FROM OUR TOIL

INTRODUCTION TO ECCLESIASTES

1. Who is Ecclesiastes?
2. Why is he preaching?
3. Two Inclusions
4. Main Idea:
“Fear God in order to turn a vain, empty life into a meaningful life which will enjoy God’s gifts”
Sidney Greidanus, *Preaching Christ from Ecclesiastes*

The Preacher’s Confession

1. Meaning of *hebel*
2. Genesis 4

The Preacher’s Question

1. Gain
2. Toil
3. Under the sun

The Preacher’s Answer

1. Begin with the End
2. Sun

3. Wind
4. Water
5. All thing are full of weariness
6. Nothing is new or remembered

Conclusion

1. All Scriptures points to Christ
2. Psalm 39:4-7
3. Freedom from Toil and Fullness of Joy