



SEARCHING FOR SATISFACTION.

“VANITY OF VANITIES, SAYS THE PREACHER,
VANITY OF VANITIES! ALL IS VANITY.
WHAT DOES MAN GAIN BY ALL THE TOIL
AT WHICH HE TOILS UNDER THE SUN?”

ECCLESIASTES 1:2-3

WHY ECCLESIASTES?

1. God uses a voice that we are not accustomed to hearing him speak with.
2. God speaks through a man who speaks plainly about life as it truly is.
3. God travels to the depths and dirt of the human soul.
4. Ecclesiastes is the most relevant book for your lives today.

CONTEXT

- **Literary Type:** Wisdom
- **Purpose:** Wisdom literature teaches us how to find satisfaction in life.
- **Author:** Solomon
 - He was the wealthiest person in the world.
 - He was the wisest person in the world.
 - He was the most powerful man in the world.
 - He had the most sex of anyone in the world.
- **Redemptive Context:** Longing for Jesus

SOME KEY DEFINITIONS

1. **Vanity/Meaningless** – smoke/mist or that which is unable to provide fulfillment
2. **Under the Sun** – life as it presents itself/broken/life apart from God
3. **Gain** – profit/meaning/satisfaction

UNDER THE SUN...

1. Nothing fulfills our longing for true meaning, purpose or satisfaction.
2. Everything is growing wearing from searching for satisfaction in the wrong places.

CHRIST CONNECTION: TRUE SATISFACTION

- The good news is that Jesus provides satisfaction.
 - **John 4:13-14** – “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.”
 - **John 10:10** – “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”