

Pastor Keith Krell | February 6, 2022
Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 | “Here Today, Gone Tomorrow”

Scripture References

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Genesis 3:17–19

Psalms 39:4–6

Psalms 90:1–17

Job 1:21; 20:20–22

Luke 12:16–21

James 4:13–17

Study Questions

1. In what ways would you agree with Solomon that life “under the sun” is empty (1:2–3)? What is an area in your life that has recently seemed futile? In what ways do you sense that people around you live with a sense of despair and hopelessness? How can you minister to them and provide hope?
2. What “advantage” does your work have (1:3)? Read 3:9; 5:15; 6:11; 10:11. How does your work seem to be an exercise in futility? Why then do you allow work to consume you? How can you cultivate a healthy work mindset? Why is making a profit so important?
3. How does the fleeting nature of life humble you (1:4)? Read Psalm 39:4–6; 90:9–12; and James 4:13–17. Why does the Bible emphasize the brevity of life? What will it take for you to maximize your life and the allotted days that God has given you? What would you like God to accomplish in and through you in this year?
4. What does the monotony of the universe teach you about your life (1:5–7)? Why does God frequently bring up the world He has created to illustrate His Word? What can you learn from the way God has created the universe?
5. Solomon says life doesn’t satisfy because nothing is new, and no one is remembered (1:8–11). When have you found this to be true in your own life? How has this made you feel? How should you live in light of the biblical teaching of the temporary nature of satisfaction and recognition? How can you make yourself available to God’s work in you and through you?

Recommended Reading

David Jeremiah, *Forward: Discovering God’s Presence and Purpose in Your Tomorrow* (Word, 2020)

Robert S. McGee, *The Search for Significance* (Thomas Nelson, 1988)

Matt Perman, *What’s Best Next: How the Gospel Transforms the Way You Get Things Done* (Zondervan, 2016)

Tim Chester, *The Busy Christian’s Guide to Busyness* (IVP, 2006)