

## Life Apart from God Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

*Apart from God...*

1. A fallen world will always \_\_\_\_\_ how wicked the  
\_\_\_\_\_ is. v.8a

*"For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts,  
false witness, slanders." Matt 15:19*

*"We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the  
evil one." 1 John 5:19*

2. Fallen leaders will always \_\_\_\_\_ those \_\_\_\_\_  
to them. vs.8b,9

*"Your rulers are rebels And companions of thieves; Everyone loves a bribe And  
chases after rewards. They do not defend the orphan, Nor does the widow's plea  
come before them." Is 1:23*

*"Woe to those who enact evil statutes And to those who constantly record unjust  
decisions" Is 10:1*

3. Worldly wealth will always \_\_\_\_\_ without any  
\_\_\_\_\_ value. Vs.10-17

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy,  
and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in  
heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in  
or steal" Matt 6:19,20*

- Frivolous \_\_\_\_\_ become all consuming. v.11
- Wealth brings \_\_\_\_\_ and sleepless nights. v.12
- \_\_\_\_\_ wealth can be harmful. v.13

- Wealth can be \_\_\_\_\_. v.14

- None of it can be \_\_\_\_\_. vs.15-17

4. Life with Jesus always \_\_\_\_\_ a joy that is  
divinely \_\_\_\_\_ in the hearts of those who  
have put their \_\_\_\_\_. vs.18,20

*"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you  
will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Rom 15:13*