

ECCLESIASTES

MARCH 29, 2026

READ

- Read Ecclesiastes 12:9-14 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn. Consider reading the passage a second time in another translation (for instance, NIV or NLT) to aid in comprehension.

EXAMINE

- Verse 11 teaches that wisdom is like a cattle prod—how does this imagery help explain the role of wisdom in life?
- Verse 11 says that wisdom ultimately comes from “one Shepherd.” How does the biblical theme of God as shepherd (Psalm 23; John 10) shape the meaning of this passage?
- How does verse 13 serve as the theological conclusion and center of Ecclesiastes? How does the gospel impact how we understand this verse?
- Bobby Jamieson says, “To fear God is to fulfill your humanity.” In light of this, explain verse 14 in your own words.
- What is the significance of Ecclesiastes ending with a statement about God’s justice and judgment? How does the gospel demonstrate God’s justice?

APPLY

- Where are some areas that you’re noticing God’s Word poking and prodding you (v.11)?
- How does the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus encourage and equip you to obey God?
- What does a healthy fear of God look like in daily life (in personal relationships, at home, at work, etc.)?
- Are there any commands of the Lord that you know you’ve been neglecting? What might obedience look like this week?
- How does a recognition that God will one day make all things right impact the way you live in the present?

PRAY

- Take time to praise God for who He is, confess sins, and/or make requests based on this passage.