

**August 1**  
**Ecclesiastes 1-3**

**Eccl. 1:1** The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. **2** Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity. **3** What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?

**Eccl. 1:4** *One* generation passeth away, and *another* generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever. **5** The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose. **6** The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits. **7** All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again. **8** All things *are* full of labour; man cannot utter *it*: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

**Eccl. 1:9** The thing that hath been, it *is that* which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and *there is no new thing* under the sun. **10** Is there *any* thing whereof it may be said, See, this *is new*? it hath been already of old time, which was before us. **11** *There is no remembrance of former things*; neither shall there be *any* remembrance of *things* that are to come with *those* that shall come after.

**Eccl. 1:12** I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem. **13** And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all *things* that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith. **14** I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit. **15** *That which is crooked cannot be made straight*: and that which is wanting cannot be numbered. **16** I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all *they* that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge. **17** And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit. **18** For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

**Eccl. 2:1** I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity. **2** I said of laughter, *It is mad*: and of mirth, What doeth it? **3** I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what *was* that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life. **4** I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards: **5** I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all *kind of* fruits: **6** I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees: **7** I got *me* servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me: **8** I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts. **9** So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem:

also my wisdom remained with me. **10** And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour. **11** Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all *was* vanity and vexation of spirit, and *there was* no profit under the sun.

**Eccl. 2:12** And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what *can* the man *do* that cometh after the king? *even* that which hath been already done. **13** Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness. **14** The wise man's eyes *are* in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness: and I myself perceived also that one event happeneth to them all. **15** Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also *is* vanity. **16** For *there is* no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now *is* in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise *man?* as the fool.

**Eccl. 2:17** Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun *is* grievous unto me: for all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit. **18** Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me. **19** And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise *man* or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed myself wise under the sun. This *is* also vanity. **20** Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labour which I took under the sun. **21** For there is a man whose labour *is* in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity; yet to a man that hath not laboured therein shall he leave it *for* his portion. This also *is* vanity and a great evil. **22** For what hath man of all his labour, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath laboured under the sun? **23** For all his days *are* sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity. **24** *There is* nothing better for a man, *than* that he should eat and drink, and *that* he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it *was* from the hand of God. **25** For who can eat, or who else can hasten *hereunto*, more than I? **26** For *God* giveth to a man that *is* good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to *him that is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

**Eccl. 3:1** To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: **2** A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up *that which is* planted; **3** A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; **4** A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; **5** A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; **6** A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; **7** A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; **8** A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. **9** What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth? **10** I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.

**Ecl. 3:11** He hath made every *thing* beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. **12** I know that *there is* no good in them, but for *a man* to rejoice, and to do good in his life. **13** And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it *is* the gift of God. **14** I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth *it*, that *men* should fear before him. **15** That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.

**Ecl. 3:16** And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, *that* wickedness *was* there; and the place of righteousness, *that* iniquity *was* there. **17** I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for *there is* a time there for every purpose and for every work. **18** I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts. **19** For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all *is* vanity. **20** All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. **21** Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth? **22** Wherefore I perceive that *there is* nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that *is* his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?