



Part 1: Vapor

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Ecclesiastes: The Assemblyman – The Preacher

Who is the Preacher?

The words of the Teacher, son of David, King in Jerusalem – Solomon

Meaningless (34 times): Does not mean utterly worthless

Vapor; vanity; futile; temporary; breath

Under the Sun (29 times): life without God

Studying the Word Together

Pray

Read

Observe

Apply

Pray

Tell

Solomon's Conclusion of this Matter

(*Ecclesiastes 1*)

There is nothing new under the sun, all is meaningless

God's Conclusion of this Matter

Everything is new under the Son, all is meaningful

“A **new command** I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” – John 13:34

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the **new creation** has come: The old has gone, the **new** is here! – 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that **your labor is not in vain**. – 1 Corinthians 15:58

The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and **now something greater than Solomon is here**. – Matthew 12:42

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!”

– Revelation 21:5

Two possible outcomes at the end of your life:

Revel

Regret

Two choices right here, right now:

Resign

Resolve

Next Steps

- Pick up a **PROAPT Bible Study Guide** in the Commons
- **Small Group Launch** – Sunday, May 19 from 10:30 – 11:15 AM
- **A Man and His Traps** – men's Bible study starts Sunday, May 12 from 9:30 – 11:00 AM

Small Group Questions

- 1) What's an activity you enjoy doing “under the sun?” What's something you don't enjoy “under the sun”?
- 2) What do you think of when you hear the word meaningless? How does that impact the way you read Ecclesiastes 1?
- 3) Solomon had it all but couldn't hold it all together. Why do you think having more can make it more difficult to keep a healthy perspective?
- 4) How do you want to finish this life? Share some words to describe how you would like to finish well.
- 5) What can you resolve to do right now that will allow you to revel in your final chapter of life? What's keeping you from doing it?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?