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Solomon

Ecclesiasties

Paul

I Corinthians

SOLOMON



Deuteronomy 17:15-17

- **Some requirements for the king**
 - Do not acquire many horses
 - Do not acquire many horses from Egypt
 - Do not acquire many wives
 - Do not acquire excessive silver and gold

I King 3:5-9

- **Relationships**

- God and David
- David and Solomon
- God and Solomon

- **Gifts**

- Discernment, honor and riches

1 Kings 4:29

"And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding beyond measure..."

1 Kings 4:31

"For he was wiser than all other men...and his fame was in all the surrounding nations."

1 Kings 4:34

"And people of all nations came to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and from all the kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom."

1 Kings 10:23

"...Solomon excelled all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom."

I Kings 4:26, 10:26-29

- Solomon has many horses (some from Egypt), chariots, horsemen, and silver is as common as stone

I Kings 11:1-4

- Solomon loved many foreign women.

Ecclesiasties 1:2, 13 and 14

"Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity."

"And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done..."

Ecclesiasties 1:2, 13 and 14

...under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after the wind."

- Vanity- *passing quickly, elusive*
- Striving after the wind- *something that can't be caught*

Ecclesiasties 1:17-18

- Wisdom/Madness/Folly

"And I applied my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a striving after wind. For in much wisdom is much vexation, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow."

Ecclesiasties 2:1, 2, 10 and 11

- Pleasure

"I said in my heart, 'Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself.' But behold, this also was vanity. I said of laughter, 'It is mad,' and of pleasure, 'What use is it?'"

"And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my...

Ecclesiasties 2:1, 2, 10 and 11

- Pleasure

...heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after the...

Ecclesiasties 2:1, 2, 10 and 11

- Pleasure

...wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun."

Ecclesiasties 2:18-21

- Fruits of Labor

"I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun...

Ecclesiasties 2:18-21

- Fruits of Labor

...This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by...

Ecclesiasties 2:18-21

- Fruits of Labor

...someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil."

Ecclesiasties 4:13-16

- Status

"Better was a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king who no longer knew how to take advice. For he went from prison to the throne, though in his own kingdom he had been poor. I saw all the living who move about under the sun, along...

Ecclesiasties 4:13-16

- Status

...with that youth who was to stand in the king's place. There was no end of all the people, all of whom he led. Yet those who come later will not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a striving after wind."

Ecclesiasties 5:10-11

- Money/Wealth

"He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity."

Solomon

- Wisdom/Madness/Folly- EMPTY
- Pleasure- EMPTY
- Fruits of Labor- EMPTY
- Status- EMPTY
- Money/Wealth- EMPTY

What should we pursue?

- A relationship with God

Why?

- Man initially had a relationship with God, but this relationship was broken.

How is this relationship with God restored?

- Through trusting in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.
- Paul focuses on a relationship with God the Father through Jesus in I Corinthians 15.

PAUL



I Corinthians 15:1-8

"Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you - unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I...

I Corinthians 15:1-8

...also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at...

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

...one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me."

1 Corinthians 15:9-11

"For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of...

1 Corinthians 15:9-11

"...God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed."

I Corinthians 15:58

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

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