

CHASING THE WIND

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2 Ecclesiastes 1:12-14

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Wisdom Literature:
Job, Psalms, Proverbs,
Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs

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"Ecclesiastes sounds like a crazed man downtown. He smells like he hasn't bathed – looks like it too – and as we pass by, he won't stop glaring at us and beckoning to us that our lives are built on illusions and that we are all going to die."

Zack Eswine "Recovering Eden"

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Ezekiel 22:23-29

"Life is hard and then you die."

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¹The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

Ecclesiastes 1:1

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Ecclesiastes 1:1-2

"Qoheleth" (Ko-HEL-eth) - someone who gathers an assembly or congregation

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**Qoheleth
the Gatherer, the Teacher, the
Preacher, or the Professor**

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²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

Ecclesiastes 1:2

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Ecclesiastes 1:1-2

Man is like a breath (hebel); his days are like a passing shadow.

Psalms 144:3-4

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Ecclesiastes 1:1-2

"Smoke, nothing but smoke. There's nothing to anything – it's all smoke."

The Message

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Ecclesiastes 1:1-2

³What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun?
Ecclesiastes 1:3

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Ecclesiastes 1:1-2

No Meaning in Activities

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⁴A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever.
⁵The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises.

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Ecclesiastes 1:4-6

⁶The wind blows to the south and goes around to the north; around and around goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. ⁷All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again.
Ecclesiastes 1:4-7

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Ecclesiastes 1:4-6

⁸All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.
Ecclesiastes 1:8

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Ecclesiastes 1:8-9

⁹What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.
Ecclesiastes 1:9

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Ecclesiastes 1:8-9

¹⁰Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It has been already in the ages before us.
Ecclesiastes 1:10

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¹¹There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be any remembrance of later things yet to be among those who come after.
Ecclesiastes 1:11

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No Meaning in Seeking Wisdom

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Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. ¹⁵What is crooked cannot be made straight, and what is lacking cannot be counted. ¹⁶I said in my heart, "I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me,

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Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

and my heart has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge." ¹⁷And I applied my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a striving after wind. ¹⁸For in much wisdom is much vexation, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

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What do we do with this?

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We can stop pretending
life isn't hard

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"the Preacher is not commenting on what life is like without Christ...(He's just saying this is) just what the world is like. It's reality. It's the same for everyone, Christian or non-Christian...this is how things are. - Being a Christian doesn't stop this being true. Rather, it should make us the first to stop pretending that it isn't true."

David Gibson, "Living Life Backwards"

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The Logos

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¹ In the beginning was the Meaning, and the Meaning was with God, and the Meaning was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:1-4

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¹⁴ And the Meaning became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

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We can believe life is hard
but in Christ there is meaning.

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⁵⁹ 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.

1 Corinthians 15:58

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Father, I know that I have sinned, and I believe Jesus died to pay for my sins. I believe He rose from the dead and from this day forward I give myself to you. I surrender my whole life to You, to live for You first. Thank You for making me your child today and giving me Your Holy Spirit.

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