



Hope for the Empty and Lonely Ecclesiastes 4:1-16

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“Eleanor Rigby” was a hit song by the Beatles in 1966. The lyrics described the realities of emptiness and loneliness in life through the fictional characters of Eleanor Rigby and Father McKenzie.

Likewise, about 3000 years earlier, King Solomon wrote about emptiness and loneliness in the Book of Ecclesiastes. In a repetitive fashion, he made his case that for most people, life under the sun is filled with nothing but vanity and chasing after the wind.

In our text, King Solomon looked at all the lonely people in his kingdom and could find no comfort for them under the sun.

Main Thought...

➔ _____ for the empty and lonely is found above the sun.

1. _____ **hopelessness with comfort from God (v. 1-3).**

Ps. 34:17-18; 61:1-3; 68:5; Mt. 25:40

2. _____ **busyness with contentment in life (v. 4-6).**

Mt. 6:19-20, 33; 1 Tim. 6:7-10; Phil. 4:11b

3. _____ **loneliness with companionship from friends (v. 7-12).**

Gen. 2:18; Pr. 15:16-17; 16:8; 18:24

4. _____ **emptiness with a commitment to Christ (v. 13-16).**

Jn. 1:14, 16; 10:10; Phil. 1:21

Final Thoughts...

➔ Are you sick and tired of the _____ race of life?

➔ Do you know that God has a _____ race for to run?