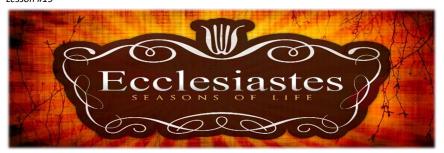
Wednesday Evening Bible Study Ecclesiastes Series 06/10/2020 Stephen H. Converse Lesson #19



"WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED" Ecclesiastes 12:1-14

We have learned at least four important things.

TO <u>REMEMBER</u> OUR <u>RELATIONSHIP</u> TO GOD - 1-8 "remember" - used 235 times in the Old Testament. Gen 30:22; Ex 2:24; 1 Sam 1:19; Jonah 2:7; Deut 8:18

FOUR REASONS WE SHOULD REMEMBER OUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD:

- 1. Because He is our Creator 1a

 Ps. 95:6-7; 100:1-5; Rev. 4:11; Neh 4:14
- 2. Because difficult times will come 1b-6

 Psa. 147:10
- 3. Because death will end our opportunities 7 Gen. 2:7; 3:19; Job 34:14-15; Ps. 103:14, 104:9
- **4.** Because everything meaningless apart from God 8 "all is vanity"

This is repeated 7x (1:2, 14; 2:11, 17; 3:19; 11:8; 12:8)

"vanity of vanities" - all life has to offer us is empty, meaningless, worthless!

TO REALIZE OUR RELIANCE UPON GOD AND HIS WISDOM - 9-12

1. It is seen in the **INTENSITY** of his teaching - 9

"weighing" - shows careful evaluation.

"studying" - invested diligent study and research.

"arranging" - shows skillful presentation.

- 2. It is seen in the <u>IMPACT</u> of his words 10 *Prov.* 15:23, 26; 16:24
- 3. It is seen in the IMPORTANCE of his words 11-12
 - In terms of **Response**, "like goads."
 - In terms of **Stability**, like "nails."
 - In terms of **Authority**, they are given "by one Shepherd."
 - In terms of **Comparison** or priority

TO <u>RECOGNIZE</u> OUR <u>RESPONSIBILITY</u> BEFORE GOD - 13-14

- 1. It gives meaning to our lives 13
- 2. It prepares you to meet God 14

 Psalm 147:11

Everyone will give an account to God. Only those who know Jesus Christ as personal Savior are prepared to meet Him. They are prepared to live life in light of the wisdom Solomon has given us in this book.