



“WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED”

Ecclesiastes 12:1-14

We have learned at least four important things.

TO REMEMBER OUR RELATIONSHIP 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 IMPACT 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 goats.”***
- In terms of Stability, like ***“nails.”***
- In terms of Authority, they are given ***“by one Shepherd.”***
- In terms of Comparison or priority

TO RECOGNIZE OUR RESPONSIBILITY 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.