

SUNDAY DRIVE

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I. INTRODUCTION

- *A Sunday drive slows you down enough to think about what drives you.*

Ecclesiastes 1:1 The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:

Ecclesiastes 1:12 I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

Ecclesiastes 1:3 What do people gain from all their labors at which they toil under the sun?

II. WHAT DRIVES YOU?

- *Are you driven by work?*

Ecclesiastes 2:22-23 What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

- *Are you driven by the latest and greatest?*

Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which one can say, "Look! This is something new"? It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time.

- *Are you driven by fame or power?*

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

Ecclesiastes 1:11 No one remembers the former generations, and even those yet to come will not be remembered by those who follow them.

- *Are you driven by knowledge?*

Ecclesiastes 2:15 Then I said to myself, "The fate of the fool will overtake me also. What then do I gain by being wise?" I said to myself, "This too is meaningless."

- *Are you driven by pleasure?*

Ecclesiastes 2:1 I said to myself, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good.” But that also proved to be meaningless.

- *Are you driven by money?*

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11 I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my labor, and this was the reward for all my toil. Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 1:3 What do people gain from all their labors at which they toil under the sun?

III. THREE REMINDERS IN ECCLESIASTES

1. *Everything Is Meaningless*

Ecclesiastes 1:2 “Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

Ecclesiastes 1:2 (KJV) Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.

- Life is temporary.

Psalms 39:5 You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand. My entire lifetime is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath.

James 4:14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

- Nothing is permanent.

Ecclesiastes 1:5-8 The sun rises and the sun sets, and hurries back to where it rises. The wind blows to the south and turns to the north; round and round it goes, ever returning on its course. All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again. All things are wearisome, more than one can say. The eye never has enough of seeing, nor the ear its fill of hearing.

2. We Live Under the Sun

Ecclesiastes 1:3 What do people gain from all their labors at which they toil under the sun?

- Living under the sun limits our perspective.
- What is under the sun is temporary, at best.

3. We All are Chasing After the Wind.

Ecclesiastes 1:14 I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

Ecclesiastes 2:24-26 A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without Him, who can eat or find enjoyment? To the person who pleases Him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner He gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

- If you are driven by anything less than God, your drive is meaningless.
- Life will not make sense “under the sun.”

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.

- Does your Sunday drive drive your Monday?