

NOTES

**Solomon's testimony, and that of so many,
is that there is nothing **under the sun** that satisfies
apart from a relationship with God.**

Ecclesiastes 2:24-26 (NIV) - 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.

Solomon opens Ecclesiastes with three shocking truths: time is marching on, nothing is new, and no one will be remembered.

**Ecclesiastes is a journal of an old king telling us
not to waste any more time in a futile search for satisfaction,
so wake up and wise up.**

The good life with God only exists when you stop chasing after a seemingly better life with toys, trophies and temptations.

**The books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes are
God's gift to each of us to help us be wiser this time.**

Proverbs 3:18 (NIV) - She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.

Have you ever taken a foolish path, experienced pain and said, “I will be wiser next time?”

**Solomon, in the first part of his life, chased after wisdom.
In the second half of his life, he chased after the wind.**

Solomon went on a quest to find satisfaction in pleasure.
(*Ecclesiastes 2:1-3, 10*)

Solomon went on a quest to find satisfaction in prosperity.
(*Ecclesiastes 2:4-11*)

Solomon went on a quest for satisfaction in performance.
(Ecclesiastes 2:17-23)



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