

NOTES

Ecclesiastes 1:2-4 (NIV) - “Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.” What do people gain from all their labors at which they toil under the sun? Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever.

King Solomon was the wisest fool who ever lived because he was determined to find *anything* under the sun that would satisfy.

Song of Solomon is a steamy book about love and marriage.

Proverbs is a hard-hitting book about wisdom and folly.

**Ecclesiastes is journey into
unlimited pleasure, performance and power.**

How is it possible that the wisest man in the world takes a journey that leaves him depressed, deflated, and downright disillusioned?

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

Time is marching on and you can do nothing to stop it.
(Ecclesiastes 1:4-6)

There is nothing new under the sun. (*Ecclesiastes 1:8-11*)

When you leave out Jesus Christ, you end up screaming out loud, “Life is nothing but smoke and mirrors!” (*Ecclesiastes 1:12-18*)

Solomon tells us, “Do not waste any more time chasing after the wind, so wake up and wise up.”

The temptation to escape pain and problems with some type of pleasure or performance blinds you to the consequences of your choices.

Life without God under the sun is risky and meaningless.

Life with God *above the sun* is redemptive and meaningful.



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