Ladies Bible Study

Ecclesiastes, Lesson One

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***“The words of the Preacher, Son of David, King of Jerusalem”***

 NASB Ecclesiastes 1:1

1. The Title
2. In the Greek, it is related to the word “ekklasia” meaning: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. In Hebrew, translated “qohelet” or “koheleth”, meaning: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. The idea being, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who speaks before an assembly of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. The Author: Solomon
6. Son of David
7. Solomon’s father, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. Solomon’s mother, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

II Samuel 11 and 12

1. Solomon’s name means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. King of Jerusalem

I Kings 2:1

II Chronicles 1:1

Solomon reigned for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years

1. A man of great wisdom

Solomon asked that he have a heart of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I Kings 3, 4, 10

II Chronicles 1

1. Solomon authored 3 books of the Bible
2. In his early days he wrote:

Proverbs: condensed parables regarding the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Song of Solomon: a poem on the joys of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. In his later years, he wrote Ecclesiastes: Life’s endless cycles,

 Reflections and reverence to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. The Purpose, Ecclesiastes 1:2-3
2. Theme:
3. Solomon is on a quest, seeking the purpose, the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and satisfaction of life
4. Being a man of great wisdom and wealth, he figured there had to be more to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Key thoughts and phrases
6. “All is vanity”

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, futile, empty, senseless, lacking value, useless

1. “under the sun”

Meaning: “on this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

Man has an “under the sun” perspective,

Man has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God out. An \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ outlook

As believers, our outlook on life needs to be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ perspective

1. Written in the form of questions

Over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ questions

Not rhetorical questions with obvious or sometimes, absurd answers

Solomon’s questions show a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, an urgency for answers

Not asking the reader or asking for the reader, per se, but highly involves himself in the questions and in the wrestling for\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. The doctrine of God

Solomon mentions God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ times, two times for every question

God pop ups! God is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Elohim, meaning the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God, the God of creation, Sovereign

1. The Endless Cycles, 1:4-18
2. The cycles, 1:4-11
3. The conclusion, 1:12-18
4. The God-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ grievous task, 1:13

**God gave us, to be unhappy, in the business of being busy in the business of life**

1. This is an under the sun perspective
2. This grievous task is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from God
3. We were made restless, to find our rest in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Matthew 11:29
4. Only He can make the crooked straight, 1:15, Isaiah 45:2
5. Much wisdom, much grief,

Much knowledge, much pain. 1:18

1. Without pain, we would not know peace

He is the Prince of Peace, Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 26:3

1. 1:16-18, Solomon told us in Proverbs the most important principle about wisdom:

Proverbs 1:7 ***“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”***

1. Solomon’s Experiment, chapter 2
2. Look at how many times “I”, “my”, “myself” are used. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_times, 2:1-11
3. What were Solomon’s accomplishments?
4. Solomon was a king of great wealth

I Kings 4:21ff, 11:14ff

2 Chronicles 1, 9

1. There were rules for the king, Deuteronomy 17:14-20

Do not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ horses, 17:16

Do not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wives, 17:17

Do not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ silver and gold, 17:17

The King was to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for himself a copy of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ law, 17:18

Why?

Many horses – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on their strength and numbers

Many wives – would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the kings heart away from God

Much gold – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in wealth and riches

Writing out the law – so the king would learn to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him

New Testament Principle:

***Where your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is, that is where your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will be.***

Matthew 6:19-21

1. Solomon’s Conclusion, 2:11-26
2. All is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2:11
3. I can’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it with me, vs 2:18
4. You can’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it, 2:19-20
5. It can’t be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ enjoyed, 2:21-23
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the work God has given, 2:24
7. Everything is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from God and it cannot be enjoyed without Him, 2:25
8. God’s way is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and there is reward in it, 2:26

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**Observation Sheet for Lesson 2**

**Read Ecclesiastes 3**

1. **Objective #1: God’s ways are not always understood...a time for everything**

Key Verse: Vs. 1

There is a time for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and a season for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ under the heavens:

Verses 1-8 Observations:

 How many times is the word “times” used? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Objective #2: To acknowledge that there is a longing in man...eternity is a desire of our heart**

Key Verse: 11b He has also set \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the human heart; yet  no one can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has done from beginning to the end.

 Verses 9-11 Observations:

 What has God made beautiful in its time? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 What has God set in the human heart?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Objective #3: To understand that God desires for us to enjoy this journey called life, and that our contentment stems from our toil...that is for GOD and given by GOD**

Key Verse: 12: I know there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live.

 Verses 9-15 Observations

 In what verses does Solomon reference OUR toil or our work?

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1. **Objective #4: God’s judgment is inevitable**

Key verse 17: I said to myself, “God will bring into judgement both the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, for there will be a time for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a time to judge every deed.”

 Verses 15-17 Observations

 Who will judge both the righteous and the wicked?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 What will God call from into question? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Who will be judged? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **God WANTS us to enjoy life...we are along for the ride!**

Key Verse: Verse 22: So I saw that there is nothing better for a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_than to enjoy their\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, because that is their lot. For \_\_\_\_\_can bring them so see what will happen after them?

Verses 16-22 Observations

Everything is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_unless what? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_