

Ecclesiastes and the Gospel

Eccl. 1:12-15, 12:13-14

Hearing God's Song in the Preacher's Story

Introduction: From the beginning of time, man has attempted to find happiness “under the sun” apart from God. Reading Ecclesiastes in the light of the Gospel we find our toil has been completed and meaning is secured only in the person and work of Christ.

Outline:

1. Approaching Wisdom Literature
 - a. Knowing the Story
 - b. The nature of wisdom literature
 - c. Defining the “good life”

2. Solomon's Wisdom in Ecclesiastes
 - a. The authors intent
 - b. Three observations about life in the horizontal
 - i. Time marches on
 - ii. Death comes for us all
 - iii. Life appears to be random
 - c. Man's pursuit of happiness
 - i. Pleasure
 - ii. Work
 - iii. Wisdom
 - d. What to do?

3. Reading Ecclesiastes in light of the Gospel
 - a. This world is broken!
 - b. The folly of life without Christ
 - c. Solomon's conclusion and Christ's answer

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