

Ecclesiastes 1

King James Version (KJV)

(Ecclesiastes <Latin> = the Preacher)

1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
(This Preacher is Solomon. This Book teaches us how to be happy in this flesh life)

1Corinthians-15:44 (We have a flesh body in this Age; and a spiritual body in the Third Age, just as we did in the First Age. God said – Let us make man <the flesh man> in our image. That began the Second Age)

2 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.
(vanity= emptiness, nothingness; this flesh existence is nothing. It is short and nothing more than a test)

3 What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun? (under the sun- means the flesh man)

4 One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever. (We live a short life in the flesh. We work to live, but in the end, all people die and leave everything to the next generation)

5 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose. (God set up nature in repetitive cycles)

6 The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits. (The repeating circuits of weather throughout the 4 seasons)

7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again. (The repeating circuit of water; it renews itself by evaporation and rain)

8 All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. (Working everyday can bring on weariness, where people stop paying attention to what is really important)

⁹The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. (The past is our example of what to expect for to the future)

¹⁰Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us. (There is nothing new in the world. Nature repeats itself. We even say – history repeats itself, also)

¹¹There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after. (Things = men - bad translation. The word "things" was changed in the English translation) (After we die, we are forgotten on Earth, and so are our accomplishments)

¹²I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem. (Solomon had everything that anyone could want. He ruled the richest and most powerful nation in those days)

¹³And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith.

¹⁴I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit. (In the end, all earthly works are for nothing. Only our spiritual works are remembered by God)

Revelation-19:8 (In heaven, our fine linen represents the good deeds that we did in this life)

¹⁵That which is crooked cannot be made straight: and that which is wanting cannot be numbered. (Moffat -> Nor can we count up all the defects and our deficiencies in this flesh life)

¹⁶I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge. 1Kings-3:12 (God gave Solomon great wisdom and knowledge) (Solomon basically had the world in his hand. Yet when he died, he kept none of it, like everybody else)

¹⁷And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit. (Even the knowledge and wisdom of the world that we all seek will amount to

nothing, because everything in this existence is temporary. So Solomon tried to live for today and have a great time; and that didn't make him happy either)

¹⁸ For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow. (When you seek wisdom in the world, it's not worth anything in the afterlife. But, seeking and doing good spiritual works remains with us forever)