



A STUDY OF ECCLESIASTES

#3 The Search

Ecclesiastes 2:1-26

***Vanity of Vanities... All is Vanity...
All is but a striving after the wind!***

Mark 8:36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

Ecclesiastes 1:16 I said in my heart, "I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me, and my heart has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge." ¹⁷ And I applied my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a striving after wind. ¹⁸ For in much wisdom is much vexation, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow...

1. What is the wisdom Solomon seeks?

The best thinking **A MAN CAN DO ON HIS OWN**

2. Where does Solomon search for wisdom?

a. **PLEASURE** and **FUN**

Ecclesiastes 2:1-3 ...Come now enjoy yourself...

b. The Power of **LEGACY**

Ecclesiastes 2:4-6 ...I Planted...

c. The Collection of **WEALTH**

Ecclesiastes 2:7-8a ...I Gathered...

d. The Pleasure of **OPULENCE**

Ecclesiastes 2:8b-10 ...Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them...

3. What was the result of his search?

Ecclesiastes 2:11 ...There was nothing to be gained under the sun.

4. What is Solomon's assessment of his search?

a. Wisdom is better than **FOOLISHNESS** but it all leads to **DEATH**

b. There is value in **WORKING HARD** but in the end all we accomplish **GOES TO OTHERS**

c. The **JOY OF LIFE** is only found in the **DIGNITY AND VALUE** given to us by **JESUS AND HIS GOSPEL**

5. How can we keep going? Is the search impossible?

a. Clearly define that for which you are **SEARCHING**
Matthew 6:33:

b. Know where to **LOOK**
John 6:37:
Matthew 7:7:

What are you searching for today?

Where will your search take you?