



A STUDY OF ECCLESIASTES

## #4 The Good and the Bad

### A Few Key Points:

1. Learn to take the **GOOD** with the **BAD**

**Isaiah 46:8-13 (NIV)** “Remember this, keep it in mind, take it to heart, you rebels. <sup>9</sup>Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. <sup>10</sup>I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, ‘My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.’ <sup>11</sup>From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that I will bring about; what I have planned, that I will do. <sup>12</sup>Listen to me, you stubborn-hearted, you who are now far from my righteousness. <sup>13</sup>I am bringing my righteousness near, it is not far away; and my salvation will not be delayed. I will grant salvation to Zion, my splendor to Israel.

**Psalms 115:1-3 (NIV)** Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. <sup>2</sup>Why do the nations say, “Where is their God?” <sup>3</sup>Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 (NIV)** There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: <sup>2</sup>a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, <sup>3</sup>a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, <sup>4</sup>a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, <sup>5</sup>a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, <sup>6</sup>a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, <sup>7</sup>a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, <sup>8</sup>a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup>What do workers gain from their toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. <sup>11</sup>He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. <sup>12</sup>I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. <sup>13</sup>That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>14</sup>I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him. <sup>15</sup>Whatever is has already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the past to account.

**Job 1:20-21 (NIV)** At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship <sup>21</sup>and said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.”

**Revelation 21:1-4 (NIV)** Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup>I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

2. Recognize what **SEASON** you’re in

3. Look to the One Who is **ALWAYS** in control of it **ALL**