

# I Sermon Notes

## Is Everything Really Vanity? An introduction to Ecclesiastes (Pt. 3)

Review

### III. Qoheleth's Worldview and Theology

Captured in the repeated phrases: hebel, chasing the wind, under the sun, labor, profit, gift, good, joy/enjoy, and death

- A. Hebel's pervasiveness
  1. Hebel is a constancy of life
  2. Hebel is God's judgment
  3. God is sovereign over *hebel*
  4. Often coupled with "chasing the wind"
- B. Under the sun
- C. Labor
- D. Profit  
Man's transience challenges his sense of value of work and life.
- E. Good, gift, reward, joy (enjoy, rejoice)
- F. God in Ecclesiastes

### IV. Structure and Theme: (built around the theme)

- A. Structure
  - 1:2-2:26 (2:24-26)
  - 3:1-5:19 (5:18-19)
  - 6:1-8:15 (8:15)
  - 8:16-12:14 (12:13-14, grand conclusion)
- B. The theme of Qoheleth  
Solomon advocates a life of joy in the midst of hebel. The joy comes not from unravelling the mystery or cheating death, the joy comes by recognizing life and all it contains is a gift from God. So enjoy life, fear God, keep His commandments, recognize the hebel, know your limitations and you will experience the joy of vaporous life under the sun.
- B. Preaching Ecclesiastes



# Sermon Notes

Qoheleth, Christ, and the NT (PM)

1. Two Sages
2. Jesus, wisdom incarnate
3. The wisdom of the sons of David
4. Continuity with the New Testament

