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HIGHLIGHTING THE CONTRAST

ECCLESIASTES 1:8 - 18



A STARK CONTRAST

LIFE UNDER THE SUN

VS

LIFE IN THE SON



A STARK CONTRAST

Life Under the Sun	Life in the Son
Eccl. 1:3 What profit is work under the sun?	Phil. 1:6 he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it. . .
Eccl. 1:9 Nothing new under the sun	2 Cor. 5:17 ...behold, all things are become new.

A STARK CONTRAST

Life Under the Sun	Life in the Son
Eccl. 1:14 All works are vanity under the sun	1 Cor. 15:58...your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
Eccl. 2:18 The fruit of labor is hated under the sun	Col. 1:10...being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

A STARK CONTRAST

Life Under the Sun	Life in the Son
Eccl. 6:12 Man is mortal under the sun	John 3:16 ...whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
Eccl. 8:15 Pleasure is temporary under the sun	Phil. 2:13 God worketh, to do of his good pleasure.

A STARK CONTRAST

Life Under the Sun	Life in the Son
Eccl. 8:17 Man cannot discover God's work under the sun	1 Cor. 13:12 ...then shall I know even as also I am known.
Eccl. 9:3 All men die under the sun	1 John 5:11 ...God hath given to us eternal life...

A STARK CONTRAST

Life Under the Sun	Life in the Son
Eccl. 9:11 Under the sun, the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong	1 Cor 1:27...to confound the things which are mighty;
Eccl. 12:7 Life under the sun will cease	1 John 5:13...that ye may know that ye have eternal life...

ANOTHER LOOK AT LIFE “UNDER THE SUN”

UNDER THE SUN

- A VIEW FROM GROUND LEVEL
- AN EARTHLY POINT OF VIEW
- IT LEAVES GOD OUT OF THE PICTURE

ECCLESIASTES 1:3 VS 1:8

- THE VALUE OF LABOUR
- A COMPARISON OF THE TEMPORAL WITH THE ETERNAL

PERSPECTIVE!



STRUGGLE FOR SATISFACTION

WHAT IS ENOUGH?

*“OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS UNTIL
THEY REST IN THEE.” - AUGUSTINE*



THE ISSUE OF WEARINESS

- “FULL OF LABOUR” = WEARISOME
- ISRAEL GREW WEARY OF GOD’S WAYS.
- CONTEMPORARY MAN GROWS WEARY IN HIS SEARCH FOR SATISFACTION.

THE FLIPSIDE OF WEARINESS

ECCL. 1:9-10 *“THERE IS NOTHING NEW
UNDER THE SUN.”*

BUT – OUR GOD MAKES ALL THINGS
NEW!

SUMMUM BONUM

LATIN – “*THE HIGHEST / ULTIMATE
GOOD*”

SOLOMON’S *PERSONAL EXPERIMENT*

ECCL. 1:12-13



BY WISDOM

SOLOMON'S PURSUIT

LEAD TO DISENCHANTMENT

SORE TRAVAIL = UNHAPPY BUSINESS



ONLY GOD KNOWS

- WISDOM – 4X IN V. 16 – 18
- CONCLUSION: “HE WHO INCREASES KNOWLEDGE INCREASES SORROW.”