

Furnishing a House of Cards Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26

The question Solomon is wanting us to consider from our passage today is whether we can cope with the reality of death or if we are denying the reality of death like furnishing a house of cards, pretending like it won't eventually collapse.

Furnishing a house of cards with:

- · worldly wisdom
- Laughter
- Substances
- success

"The dim and shadowy outline of the superhuman deity fades slowly away from us...We perceive with greater and greater clearness the shape of a yet grander and nobler figure...Our father Man looks out upon us with the fire of eternal youth in his eyes, and says, 'before Jehovah was, I am.'" - W.K. Clifford

Other Scripture:

Proverbs 23:29-30

Further Study

Read: Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26 in your group or with at least one other person.

- 1. Have someone read it while everyone reads along.
- 2. Have someone else read it while everyone else listens.
- 3. Have someone recount the text from memory in their own words.

Discuss:

- 1. What does the passage reveal about God?
- 2. What does the passage reveal about humanity?

Act:

- 1. If this passage is from God, what should change about how you live?
- 2. Who needs to hear the truth of this Scripture that you can share it with this week? Identify a time this week when you might have the opportunity to share with them.