



LEARNING TO LIVE

By Preparing to Die

Lessons from Ecclesiastes

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Is This It? ***Ecclesiastes 1:1-11***

What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

The book of Ecclesiastes is a book written by someone reflecting back on a life that was long with experience, but short on lasting purpose and rewards.

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

The book of Ecclesiastes is not an undergraduate course in philosophy that is set on making you see life as meaningless. The book of Ecclesiastes is a masterclass in understanding the brevity of life, so that we can honor God and make the most of this life for the Lord in the time we have under the sun.

Observations from the text:

- Life is short.
- Life is rhythmic.
- Life is elusive.

“He looks out upon humanity and sees that in one aspect the world is full of births, and in another full of deaths. Coffins and cradles seem the main furniture, and he hears the tramp, tramp, tramp of the generations passing over a soil honeycombed with tombs.”

Though there is nothing new under the sun, you can live life in the Son.

Other Scripture:

1 Kings 2:2b-3; 1 Kings 4:21; Psalm 39:5, 11; Psalm 144:3-4