



THE
PURSUIT
Studies in Ecclesiastes
CHASING ANSWERS
TO LIFE'S QUESTIONS

Trapped in the Circle of Life?

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

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¹ The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem.

² “Absolute futility,” says the Teacher.

“Absolute futility. Everything is futile.”

³ What does a man gain for all his efforts he labors at under the sun?

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 (HCSB)

⁴ A generation goes and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever.

⁵ The sun rises and the sun sets; panting, [it returns] to its place where it rises.

⁶ Gusting to the south, turning to the north, turning, turning, goes the wind, and the wind returns in its cycles.

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 (HCSB)

⁷ All the streams flow to the sea, yet the sea is never full. The streams are flowing to the place, and they flow there again.

⁸ All things are wearisome; man is unable to speak. The eye is not satisfied by seeing or the ear filled with hearing.

⁹ What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 (HCSB)

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The Book of Ecclesiastes

- Very Seldom studied by Christians.
- Jewish Philosophy. Reflections.
- Unlike Proverbs has more of a worldly view, but not as drastic as The Song of Solomon.

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Chapter 1

Life seems to be a vicious cycle.

History seems to repeat itself.

Futility is the benchmark of life.

How we overcome this sense of never reaching “the goal” or repeating “the same cycle?”

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1. Discover Jesus

² “Absolute futility,” says the Teacher. “Absolute futility. Everything is futile.”

The Teacher, writing as a wise and observant king of David’s line. He lived in a world troubled with vanity, futility, and frustration. There is no purpose outside of our Lord.

Luke 9:24-26 (HCSB)

²⁴ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of Me will save it.

²⁵ What is a man benefited if he gains the whole world, yet loses or forfeits himself?

²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory and that of the Father and the holy angels.

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2. Build Relationships

⁴ A generation goes and a generation comes,

- Lasting relationships are essential.

Matthew 22:37-39 (HCSB)

³⁹ ...Love your neighbor as yourself.

This our duty/commandment. With this love we build lasting relationships.

This helps us through the cycles.

3. Serve Others

⁹ What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done;


The problem is most do very little to have the satisfaction to say it is done (well).

Service to God and others changes our focus.

4. Share Your Faith

¹⁰ Can one say about anything, “Look, this is new”? It has already existed in the ages before us.

Sharing is not new, the Great Commission.
The problem of life’s cycle sharing has become
the great omission.

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- God wants our cycle of life to be full, complete and purposeful.
- Renew our walk with the Lord.
 - Work on our relationships.
 - Look for opportunities to serve.
 - Share Jesus with everyone we come in contact.

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