

## **ECCLESIASTES [3:1-14] – EVERYONE DESERVES A GLIMPSE OF ETERNITY**

### **INTRODUCTION**

- THE AUTHOR OF ECC. (TRADITIONALLY THOUGHT TO BE SOLOMON) ENJOYED POWER, WEALTH, AND ACCESS TO ALL OF LIFE'S PURSUITS & PLEASURES.
  1. POWER {NOUN} – THE ABILITY TO DO OR ACT; CAPABILITY OF DOING OR ACCOMPLISHING SOMETHING.
  2. WEALTH {SYNONYM} – RICHNESS, FULLNESS. POSSESSIONS, ASSETS, GOODS, PROPERTY, MONEY.
  3. ACCESS {NOUN} – THE ABILITY, RIGHT, OR PERMISSION TO APPROACH, ENTER, SPEAK WITH, OR USE; ADMISSION, MEANS OF ENTRY
- AFTER EXPERIENCING A FULL MEASURE OF LIFE “UNDER THE SUN,” HE DECLARES IT ALL TO BE FUTILE AND UNSATISFYING.
  - A. SOLOMON IS OF THE RIGHT AGE; HOWEVER, HE STILL HAS ROOM FOR GROWTH (MATURITY, DEVELOPMENT, WISDOM)
  - B. SOLOMON'S PERSPECTIVE/UNDERSTANDING IS NOT THE LORD'S

**Q:** IF YOU WERE TO EXAMINE YOUR LIFE CLOSELY, WHERE WOULD YOU AGREE THAT GOD IS HELPING YOU TO GROW/BECOME MORE LIKE HIM?

**Q:** WHAT MIGHT BE YOUR PRAYER IN RELATION TO POWER, WEALTH, & ACCESS?

- ONLY AS HE LIVES “ABOVE THE SUN” – WITH HIS FOCUS ON GOD – DOES LIFE BECOME MEANINGFUL AND FULFILLING.

**Q:** WHAT WORDS WOULD YOU PRESENTLY USE TO DESCRIBE YOUR LIFE?

[IE, AMAZING; DIFFICULT; REWARDING; SATISFYING; ADVENTUROUS; PRECIOUS; EDUCATIONAL; NON-LINEAR]

**Q:** WHAT WORDS DOES CHRIST WANT TO USE WHEN DESCRIBING YOUR LIFE?

[IE, INTENTIONAL; PURPOSEFUL; PASSIONATE; RELENTLESS; FOCUSED]

- ULTIMATE SATISFACTION COMES NOT FROM THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE BUT FROM THE GIVER OF LIFE – THE ONE WE ARE TO FEAR, HONOR, AND OBEY.

**Q:** IF GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR LIFE IS TO FEAR, HONOR, AND OBEY HIM, THEN WHERE DO WE INVITE GOD TO TEACH US/HELP US/CHANGE US?