

MON) July 15

Ch. 1 - All is vanity

The Preacher asks, "Everything under the sun is meaningless" (verse 2), so what is the benefit of living in the end? (verse 3)". In some ways, the Preacher's confession that it is vain and futile seems to be full of pessimistic thoughts, but through the following verses emphasized throughout this chapter and the book of Ecclesiastes, you will find the answer.

V. 3: What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils (.....) ?

V. 14: I have seen everything that is done (.....), and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

*This world has fallen with human sin, is meaningless and unprofitable, adding fatigue and anxiety to our lives. In this way, those who live under the sun will have value when they look to God above the sun.

Ch. 2 - Coming from the hand of God

Verses 24-26 of this chapter can be said to be a mini conclusion of chapters 1 and 2.

"There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the (.....),"

*Everything we own and enjoy on this earth comes from God, and we can enjoy true joy when we know and are thankful that it came from God.

Ch. 3 - Found that there is nothing better than ~.

In this chapter, the Preacher Solomon writes, "I knew that there was nothing better than ~." What do you think are the two most important things in a person's life? (Verses 12, 22)

Ch. 4 - In the face of the futility of life, together, not alone

"And though a man might prevail against one who is (.....), (.....) will withstand him—a (.....) cord is not quickly broken."

*I pray that our Life Church will be filled with friends of faith who concern together and help each other in the battlefield of life where we cannot stand alone."

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Ch. 5 - Gift from God

This chapter records that toil for wealth and possessions under the sun is in vain (verses 10-17). However, in verses 18-20,

"Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find (.....) in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and (.....) in his toil—this is the gift of God."

*Let us remember that allowing us to find enjoyment through our hard work is God's gift to our lives.

Ch. 6 - The misfortune and futility experienced while living under the sun

In this chapter, Solomon records the unfortunate events that occur under the sun, that is, the events that weigh heavy on a person's heart.

- 1) v. 2: When you receive wealth, possessions, and honor, but cannot enjoy them
- 2) v. 3:

Ch. 7 - Rejoice on prosperous days and look back on difficult days

In verses 1-15 of this chapter, the Preacher says that misfortune or disaster is not evidence of God's hatred and not necessarily bad.

When you experience what God has done to crook you (verse 13), it is advised not to despair and become discouraged, but to look back and think about God's will and work.

"In the day of prosperity (.....), and in the day of adversity (.....): God has made the one as well as the other, so that man may not find out anything that will be after him."

Ch. 8 - The vain things done in the world

This chapter records the vain and absurd things that happen in the world. Because punishment for evil deeds is not carried out quickly, people commit evil (v. 11), but what does the Preacher clearly say will happen to these wicked people? (v. 13)

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Ch. 9 - Enjoy God's Gift

As in chapter 5, verses 7-10 of this chapter, God created people to give them joy, rest, and enjoy. The Preacher advises us to live a life that enjoys God's gifts.

- 1) Verse 7: Eat your food with joy.
- 2) Verse 8: Whiten your clothes and anoint your head with fragrant oil.
- 3) Verse 9:

Ch. 10 - Wise man and fool

This chapter explains and compares the wise and the foolish. In particular, verses 12-15 record the words of wise men and fools.

"The words of a wise man's mouth (.....), but the lips of a fool consume him."

* How is your words? Don't your words fire people out? Or are you giving joy because you are gracious?

Ch. 11 - Living in the present in an uncertain future

This chapter exhorts us living in an uncertain future to find enjoyment and rejoice rather than concern and worry.

"(.....), O young man, in your youth, and let your heart (.....) in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment."

Ch. 12 - Remember your Creator.

Chapter 1 of Ecclesiastes begins with the statement that everything in the fallen world under the sun is vanity and vain. And in this chapter, the Preacher exhorts us living in this world to remember the Creator. (Verse 1) Also, what does the Preacher say that everyone should think about and follow? (Verse 13)

THU) July 18**Song of Solomon Ch. 1 - King Solomon and the Shulamite Woman**

This chapter deals with the meeting and love between King Solomon and the Shulamite woman working in the vineyard. The beautiful sight of love that transcends the status of men and women and their environments is like seeing our relationship with God. It says "we will extol your love more than (.....)"

Ch. 2 - My love, my beautiful one

This chapter introduces a scene where the love becomes deeper through a beautiful love song between them. What does the groom repeatedly say with love to his bride? (verses 10, 13)

* This confession is considered as if God, the bridegroom, is speaking to us, the bride.

Ch. 3 - Bride's dream

In this chapter, the bride confesses that she misses the groom even in her dreams (verses 1-5), and then sings about the groom coming to get her through the rough fields. (verses 6-11) What does the groom wear on his head when he comes to the bride for marriage?

Ch. 4 - The groom's song

This chapter is the groom's song to the bride preparing for the wedding. In verses 8-12, the groom continues to call his beloved bride without missing a single verse. It is as if God continues to call us, His brides.

"How beautiful is your love, (.....)!" How much better is your love than wine, and the fragrance of your oils than any spice!"

FRI) July 19**Ch. 5 - The bride's song to the groom**

In this chapter, there is a sudden conflict with the groom (verses 2-6), but soon the bride sings a song of earnest love, thinking of the departed groom. The bride wanders around looking for the groom and sings a metaphor for the groom she adores. What kind of person was this groom to the bride? (V. 16) "This is my (.....) and this is my (.....), O daughters of Jerusalem."

Ch. 6 - The meeting of the bride and groom in the garden

In this chapter, the bride actively searches for the groom, and the two are finally happily reunited. Write the confession of love that is repeated in verses 2:16 and 6:3.

Ch. 7 - Love that unites

This chapter praises the beauty of the bride (verses 1-9) and consists of a song in which the bride responds to the groom (verses 10-13). In particular, the bride confesses in verse 10, "I belong to my beloved," and at the same time says in verse 12, "I will give my love to you." Let us, as brides, confess to God, our bridegroom, the words of the Song of Songs. "God, I belong to You who loves me. I will give my love to You."

Ch. 8 - Love is strong as death

In this chapter, it says that (.....) cannot quench the groom's love to the bride, neither can (.....) drown it.

SAT) July 20**Isiah Ch. 1 - The Gospel of Isaiah Preached in an Age of Apostasy**

The era in which Prophet Isaiah worked was "the era of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah" (verse 1). At that time, only religious forms remained, and there was no heart toward God (verses 11-17). At this time, God calls Judah to reason together (verse 18). This is not to judge them, but rather to offer them mercy and atonement. "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as (.....); though they are red like crimson, they shall become like (.....)."

Ch. 2 - Prophet Isaiah's Gospel Message

In this chapter, the prophet Isaiah warns of imminent judgment upon Judah. Verses 1-4 describe Judah's glorious future, while verses 5-22 describe the day of the LORD, the day of judgment. In order for the day of the LORD to be not a day of judgment and curse, but a day of salvation and glory, it was recommended for the following.

"Stop regarding (.....)," (v. 22)
"come, let us walk in the (.....)." (v. 5)

Ch. 3 - God judging Judah

In this chapter, Isaiah specifically warns against the sins of leading figures (verses 13-15) and wealthy women (verses 16-26). Write down what each of their sins is.

- 1) Sins of leadership figures (elders, princes):
- 2) Sins of wealthy women:

Ch. 4 - Branch of the LORD

This chapter shows that even amid God's judgment, there is amazing hope. That hope is (.....) (v. 2). Israel was like a dead tree, but now Isaiah saw a branch coming out of it. The branch will be beautiful and glorious, and those who remain will be called holy (verses 2-3).