



# *Ecclesiastes*

## *Background*

- Ecclesiastes is the fourth of five "wisdom" books. These books are the heart of the Old Testament.
- The authorship of Ecclesiastes is a matter of fierce debate. Both the internal and external evidence points to Solomon.
- This book is a \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1; 12:9). The preacher intends for his audience to consume his message in one sitting.

## *Roadmap*

### **1. The Problem Declared (1-2)**

- A. The Monotony of \_\_\_\_\_ (1:4-11)
- B. The Vanity of Wisdom (1:12-18)
- C. The Futility of \_\_\_\_\_ (2:1-11)
- D. The Certainty of \_\_\_\_\_ (2:12-25)

### **2. The Problem \_\_\_\_\_ (3-10)**

- A. The Monotony of Life (3:1-5:9)
- B. The Vanity of Wisdom (5:10-6:12)
- C. The Futility of Wealth (7:1-8:17)
- D. The Certainty of Death (9:1-10:20)

### **3. The Problem Decided (11-12)**

- A. Live by \_\_\_\_\_ (11:1-6)
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Life (11:7-12:8)
- C. Prepare for \_\_\_\_\_ (12:9-14)

## *Landmark*

The theme of Ecclesiastes is "Finding the Real Meaning of Life." The Preacher states an antithesis, deconstructs it, and points the hearer to life's true meaning (Ecc. 12:13-14).

## *Must See*

- Christ is the Creator (12:1) and Judge (12:14).
- Christ is the Answer to Solomon's problem. He is the Meaning of life and the Source of true satisfaction (John 4:13-14).

## *Takeaway*

1. Because there is Someone \_\_\_\_\_ the Sun, \_\_\_\_\_ matters.
2. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom because genuine reverence always leads to \_\_\_\_\_.