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Life “Under the Sun” (Ecclesiastes 4-6)

Points (Taken from Michael A. Eaton's commentary)

Section # 1 : Life’s hardships and life’s companions (4:1-5:7).

- a) Oppression without comfort (1-3).
- b) Lonesome rivalry and its alternatives (4-6).
- c) A man without a family (7-8).
- d) The blessings of companionship (9-12).
- e) Isolation breeding folly (13-16).
- f) The approach to God (5:1-7).

Section # 2 Poverty and wealth (5:8-6:12).

- a) The poor under oppressive bureaucracy (8-9).
 - b) Money and its drawbacks (10-12).
 - c) Wealth – loved and lost (13-17).
 - d) Remedy recalled (18-20).
 - e) Wealth vs. insecurity (6:1-6).
 - f) Insatiable longing (7-9).
- An impasse (10-12).*