



## **“Life is Vanity, God Gives Joy”**

Ecclsesiastes 1-2

*Matthew 12:2-5; 1 Kings 4:34; Genesis 4:19-24*

- I. There is a vanity to living a \_\_\_\_\_ life  
“under the sun” (1:1-11).

*Genesis 4:20-22*

- a. There is even a vanity to \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1:12-18).
- b. Vanity is found in “living the dream” of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2:1-11).
- c. Qoheleth expands his analysis of the life of  
\_\_\_\_\_ as vanity (2:12-17).
- d. Man’s \_\_\_\_\_ for material wealth are  
vanity (2:18-23).

*Job 38:2-7; 40:1-9*

- II. Qoheleth’s preliminary conclusion to an argument that will  
be further developed or nuanced in the rest of the book:
- a. Man is not able to provide good for and of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2:24a, note translation issue).
  - b. Joy in life comes only from \_\_\_\_\_  
(2:24b-25).
  - c. The man who pleases God can have \_\_\_\_\_  
in his wisdom and knowledge (contra 1:18) while

the sinner has a joyless, even if  
\_\_\_\_\_, business of gathering and  
collecting (2:26).

*Ephesians 6:6-8; 12:13-14*