



“Breaking Through the Cycle”

Ecclesiastes 1:3-11 • part 2

INTRODUCTION

- you work hard...but for what?

- Ecclesiastes does not stand as an island

Rom. 8:20-21

1. The labor of work (1:3)

- is there an advantage that comes with our labor?

Eccl. 2:11; 3:9; 5:15
Prov. 14:23

- work is a good and God-ordained thing

Gen. 1:29; 2 Thess. 3:10

- does work in this life answer questions of meaning & purpose?

2. The labor of nature (1:4-7)

- the earth “remains forever”?

2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 21:1

- the cyclical rhythms of nature

3. With this result: nothing is new (1:8-10)

- stimulating our senses: looking for something new

Acts 17:21

- advantages to what is technologically or medically “new”?

4. With this result: nothing is remembered (1:11)

CONCLUSION

- the One who pulls us from cyclical cynicism

Rev. 21:5
Mt. 10:28; 1 Cor. 8:3