

The Words of the Preacher: ECCLESIASTES

Life Under the Sun

Applied Knowledge

Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father God, Maker, Creator, Sustainer of all things in heaven and on earth. You are wise, omniscient (all-knowing) and worthy of our devotion and worship this morning, LORD. We have all applied our hearts to diligently and fervently seek out those things in the world that will satisfy us, make us successful, give us glory. We have pursue every path that might lead us to be independent, sufficient and noticed by all around us. We foolishly seek our own glory. We have turned from honoring God and made our own way. Each one of us has become futile in our own thinking with darkened hearts. We claim to be wise but foolishly exchange the glory of the immortal God for every trinket and amusement and pleasure this world promises us. Grant us repentance this morning, LORD Jesus. Help us see how much hope and joy we place in our own efforts, schemes & maneuvering instead of looking to Jesus Christ our wisdom and treasure. Grant your Spirit to open our eyes, to give us light. For in your light do we see light. In your truth, the truth of Jesus Christ our LORD, we must root our lives. So come and accomplish these things for us this morning LORD for your name's sake. Amen & Amen

OUTLINE

1. Wisdom as a Means (vv. 12-15) ~ Instrument
2. Wisdom as an End (vv. 16-18) ~ Object
3. Wisdom as a Person ~ The LORD Jesus Christ

Central Textual Truth

The Preacher proves wisdom is unable to remove vanity.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to cling to Christ in whom are all the treasures of wisdom.