

The Words of the Preacher: ECCLESIASTES

Life Under the Sun

Vanity & the Joyful Heart

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Maker of Heaven & earth. You are our LORD, God, Savior and great joy. Blessed be your name. Grant us grace this morning as we come now to look at your Word. We confess the hearts in this room have thousands of scattered and empty ambitions, joys and hopes. And we come here this morning to look at your Word together. To receive again the beautiful benefits and glorious gain that comes only by looking to Christ and seeing Him as our great joy, aim and end. LORD Jesus come and stir our hearts toward faith and repentance. Grant your Spirit to come this morning & as your Word goes forth open our eyes to see the vanity and emptiness of the promised pleasures of this world. And convince us of the great satisfaction and security that comes when we rest in the good gift of Christ in our lives. Accomplish these things for your name's sake & for your glory this morning, Jesus our joy. Amen & Amen

OUTLINE

1. The Norm of Tyranny (vv. 8-9)
2. The Love of Money (vv. 10-12)
3. The Lack of Riches (vv. 13-17)
4. The Good of Life (vv. 18-20)

Central Textual Truth

The Preacher calls us to turn from the vanity of riches & rejoice in God's gift of joy.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to see the vanity of riches & to rejoice by faith in God's gift of Christ.