

# ***The Words of the Preacher: ECCLESIASTES***

***Life Under the Sun***

***Better than Vanity***

***Ecclesiastes 7:1-6***

## **PASTOR'S PRAYER**

Almighty God, Father and Maker of Heaven & Earth, would you make us know our end and what are the measures of our days; let us know how fleeting we are! Behold, you have made all our days a few handbreadths, our lifetimes and generations are as nothing before you. Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath! Surely we all go about as shadows! Surely it is for nothing that we run here & there, toiling, frustrated and frantic to keep up; we each heap up wealth and then do not know who will finally be able to enjoy it!

Grant your Spirit this morning to see the vanity of these things and the good that comes from the hand of Jesus Christ. And now, O LORD Jesus, for what do we wait? May our trust be in you, O LORD. Deliver us from our foolish attempts to find joy, hope and satisfaction in the pleasures and trinkets of this world as we dismiss your promises of great pleasure forevermore. We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus our only source of true delight. Amen & Amen

## **OUTLINE**

1. A Better Day (v. 1)
2. A Better Place (v. 2)
3. A Better Emotion (vv. 3-4)
4. A Better Word (vv. 5-6)

### ***Central Textual Truth***

*The Preacher calls persons to pursue the good in our few days of our vain life.*

### ***Central Sermon Aim***

*I want SGBC to see trusting in Christ as better than the vanity of this short life.*