

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

## ***Life Under the Sun***

*The Complex Vanity in Life*

***Ecclesiastes 7:15-24***

### **PASTOR'S PRAYER**

Almighty God, Father and Maker of Heaven & Earth, You decreed in yourself, from all eternit, by your most wise and holy counsel of your will all things freely and unchangeably whatsoever comes to pass. Praise your good and wise and strong. Blessed be your name!! As we gather this morning to submit our wills and our thinking to your Word may we come with humble and ready hearts. Grant your Spirit to quicken and stir us toward faith in Christ, repentance of sin, hope in heaven and love for your saints. Reveal the ways we attempt to maneuver and make straight what you have made crooked. Convince us of our foolish strategies to order our own lives in such a way as to pursue our assumed ideas of good and to avoid what we are convinced can't possibly be from your hand. Thank you LORD Jesus for your righteousness. For every attempt toward our own righteousness is a filthy rag and unworthy of any place in your presence. Bless us this morning LORD Jesus by convincing us again that our only hope, our only wisdom, our only joy and peace can only come when we are resting in the person & work of Christ. Accomplish these eternal things this morning. *“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.”* (Ephesians 3:20–21) Amen & Amen

### **OUTLINE**

1. The Perplexity of Life (vv. 15-18)
2. The Problem with Wisdom (vv. 19-24)

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

*The Preacher calls Israel to consider the perplexing nature of life.*

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

*I want SGBC to consider & trust Christ as our righteousness in this unjust world.*