



Pursuing the Wind

Ecclesiastes 2:1-17

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Ecclesiastes 2:1-3

I said to myself, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good.” But that also proved to be meaningless.

² “Laughter,” I said, “is madness. And what does pleasure accomplish?” ³ I tried cheering myself with wine, and embracing folly—my mind still guiding me with wisdom. I wanted to see what was good for people to do under the heavens during the few days of their lives.

Ecclesiastes 2:4-9

⁴ I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards. ⁵ I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them. ⁶ I made reservoirs to water groves of flourishing trees. ⁷ I bought male and female slaves and had other slaves who were born in my house. I also owned more herds and flocks than anyone in Jerusalem before me. ⁸ I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I acquired male and female singers, and a harem as well—the delights of a man's heart. ⁹ I became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before me. In all this my wisdom stayed with me.

Ecclesiastes 2:10-13

¹⁰ I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my labor, and this was the reward for all my toil. ¹¹ Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun. ¹² Then I turned my thoughts to consider wisdom, and also madness and folly. What more can the king's successor do than what has already been done? ¹³ I saw that wisdom is better than folly, just as light is better than darkness.

Ecclesiastes 2:14-17

¹⁴ wise have eyes in their heads, while the fool walks in the darkness; but I came to realize that the same fate overtakes them both. ¹⁵ Then I said to myself, “The fate of the fool will overtake me also. What then do I gain by being wise?” I said to myself, “This too is meaningless.” ¹⁶ For the wise, like the fool, will not be long remembered; the days have already come when both have been forgotten. Like the fool, the wise too must die! ¹⁷ So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

INTRODUCTION

- Solomon Tried Pleasure
- Solomon Tried Projects
- Solomon Tried Possessions
- Solomon Tried Philosophy
- Solomon's Conclusion Was Pitiful

IMPLICATIONS

- Connect to God

Ephesians 3:19

...and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

1Timothy 1:11

...that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

John 15:11

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

Romans 14:17

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking,
but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit...

IMPLICATIONS

- Connect to God
- Live For Something Bigger
- Care For People

3 John 4

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

¹⁹ For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? ²⁰ Indeed, you are our glory and joy.