

Setting Your Heart

on the

Kingdom



ECCLESIASTES

Is This All There Is To Life?

(The Principle of Divine Purpose)

Ecclesiastes 1 - 2

Solomon was rich beyond his wildest dreams. He had everything a man could ever desire...palaces, servants, horses, chariots, and even his own zoo! And Solomon had immense power. No king in the Middle East commanded such powerful armies...ruling all the nations from the Euphrates to the boarder of Egypt. And beyond his great wealth and power, he was acclaimed as the wisest man that had ever lived. This extravagant king of Israel had every fleshly pleasure he could possibly enjoy...700 wives and 300 concubines to be exact! ***Yet, amidst all this lavish luxury, King Solomon was unfulfilled!***

Some people say that he just grew old and cynical. ***But perhaps in his excessive living, Solomon discovered a fundamental truth of God's Kingdom...without God, life has no purpose.*** Look at what he learned:

1. **Human Knowledge Is Vain!** The more you know, the more it hurts (Eccles. 1:13-18).
2. **Fleshly Pleasures Are Useless!** The more you have, the more you want (Eccles. 2:1-11).
3. **Possessions Are Empty Trophies!** When you die, you can't take them with you (Eccles. 2:18-19).

Thus Solomon concluded that all natural endeavors of life are utterly meaningless...unless God is involved (Eccles. 2:24-26).

Few people have ever had the abundance of Solomon. Nevertheless, all fleshly desires eventually lose their glitter. The new car or house that you've always wanted will become ordinary. Earthly pleasures that once entertained you will become boring. Deep within your soul a "holy dissatisfaction" will arise asking, ***"Is this all there is to life?"*** This is when you'll learn that life is more than temporal things. ***When God created you, He planted the seed of His divine purpose in your heart.*** With prayer and faithful service, that seed will surely blossom and bear much fruit in His Kingdom. And know this...nothing outside of your destiny will ever bring lasting fulfillment. Listen again to Solomon's haunting expression of what life is like apart from God—"Vanity of vanities, all is vanity!"

Next: The Kingdom of God in Song of Solomon...Catching Little Foxes!

