

# Berwyn Church of Christ: Ecclesiastes Study

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<p>Connecting Scriptures/Thoughts</p> <p>Introduction</p>	<p>Ecclesiastes 1</p> <p>Common Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Who am I?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What is my purpose?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Where am I headed?</li> </ul> <p>3000 years ago many answers were provided in Ecclesiastes and the wisdom rings true today.</p> <p>1 Kings 1:28          1 Kings 3:3 humility          1 Kings 3:11-14 appointed by David          Builds the Temple          1 Kings 11:1-4 Turned away from God when old          1 Kings 4:32 3000 Proverbs(800-900) recorded</p> <p>Perhaps Eccl was written when he returned to God but the evidence is unclear.</p> <p>Written for our learning:          Romans 15:4; 1 Cor 10:11;</p> <p>Nature of God has NOT changed          Nature of man has NOT changed          Life has NOT changed</p> <p>Vanity= emptiness, vapor or breath 38 times in Eccl</p>
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The consistency of this world is for humans has ever been present more so than drastic changes in how nature works. 2 Peter 3:5-7

God Sustains Earth and You and I  
Psalm 119:90-91; Matthew 11:28-30; 1 Peter 5:7 God is the consistency you need!

V8 most of our life is spent this way. We constantly battle against the want of more.... Never Enough... 1 Timothy 6:6; Philippians 4:11

V9 No different today. Really referring to the nature of man(sinful conduct), the consistency of God, consistency of the world.

Hebrews 13:8

V10 nothing is new( needs of man even with new inventions)

V11 God does hope we will learn, History teacher in me loves this.

V13-14 Striving after Wind

V15 are you trying to fix the world or yourself?

Even with great wisdom some problems will not be fixed. And v 17/18 this leads to frustration.

the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

[9] What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.

[10] Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"?

It has been already in the ages before us.

[11] There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be any remembrance of later things yet to be among those who come after.

[12] I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem.

[13] And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with.

[14] I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

[15] What is crooked cannot be made straight, and what is lacking cannot be counted.

[16] I said in my heart, "I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me, and my heart has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge."

[17] And I applied my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a striving after wind.

[18] For in much wisdom is much vexation, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow. (ESV)