

Solomon's Quest

One of the most neglected Old Testament books of study is Ecclesiastes. Within this book lies a powerful and relevant message.

The book is written by King Solomon (Ecclesiastes 1:1, 12, 16; 12:9). It is about his quest to find happiness and purpose in life (Ecclesiastes 1:2-3; 2:3).

Where does Solomon look?

- He began his journey by examining the vanity of money and possessions (Ecclesiastes 2:4-10). Solomon had every material blessing that a man could desire. While it is not a sin to have nice things (Ecclesiastes 2:24), the king learned that none of it leads to ultimate happiness and fulfillment (Ecclesiastes 2:18-24).
- He then pursued wisdom (Ecclesiastes 1:16-18; 2:9). Solomon is one the wisest men to have ever lived. His wisdom also led to vanity (Ecclesiastes 2:12-16). Both the wise man and fool die and are forgotten!
- He then considered fame and popularity (Ecclesiastes 2:9). Solomon made a great name for himself. He is well-known even today. And yet, even with this accomplishments come eventual dissatisfaction.

What did Solomon discover?

- Solomon discovered that a life without God is worthless (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14). Have you discovered the same thing?
- When God is the center of our lives, we understand our real worth.
- We also have the source of real happiness (Ecclesiastes 2:25; Galatians 5:22).
- We also fulfill our true purpose in life (1 Corinthians 10:31). We prepare ourselves to be judged by God (Ecclesiastes 12:14).

Conclusion:

Have you put God at the center of your life?

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