

# From a God's Eye View – Pt. 9

## Does Life Really Have Meaning? – Selected from Ecclesiastes

\_\_\_\_\_ – Life is \_\_\_\_\_ without God

The Vanity of \_\_\_\_\_ w/o God  
**Ecclesiastes 1:13–14** - 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. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. See **Ecclesiastes 1:16–17**

**Ecclesiastes 1:2–3** - Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. <sup>3</sup> What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun?

The Vanity of \_\_\_\_\_ w/o God  
**Ecclesiastes 2:14–15, 17** - The wise person has his eyes in his head, but the fool walks in darkness. And yet I perceived that the same event happens to all of them. <sup>15</sup> Then I said in my heart, “What happens to the fool will happen to me also. Why then have I been so very wise?” And I said in my heart that this also is vanity. See **Ecclesiastes 2:17**

The Vanity of \_\_\_\_\_ w/o God  
**Ecclesiastes 2:10–11** - And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. <sup>11</sup> Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun. See **Ecclesiastes 2:3–9**

**Ecclesiastes 12:8** - Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.

The Vanity of \_\_\_\_\_ w/o God  
**Ecclesiastes 2:18–19, 22** - I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity... What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? See **Ecclesiastes 2:26**

The author uses both \_\_\_\_\_ (I saw) and \_\_\_\_\_ (I said in mine heart) to try to figure out life's meaning. He concludes that only through faith in God can life be \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Life without God

The Pursuits	Scripture	The Products
<u>Education</u> w/o God	Ecc. 1:7-8	<u>Cynicism</u>
<u>Greatness</u> w/o God	Ecc. 1:18	<u>Sorrow</u>
<u>Pleasures</u> w/o God	Ecc. 2:1-2	<u>Disappointment</u>
<u>Philosophy</u> w/o God	Ecc. 3:1-9	<u>Emptiness</u>
<u>Eternity</u> w/o God	Ecc. 3:11	<u>Confusion</u>
<u>Suffering</u> w/o God	Ecc. 4:2-3	<u>Depression</u>
<u>Religion</u> w/o God	Ecc. 5:6-7	<u>Dread</u>
<u>Wealth</u> w/o God	Ecc. 5:12	<u>Troubles</u>
<u>Existing</u> w/o God	Ecc. 6:12	<u>Frustration</u>
<u>Aging</u> w/o God	Ecc. 8:8	<u>Despair</u>

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\_\_\_\_\_ – Finding \_\_\_\_\_ in Life with God

The \_\_\_\_\_ for a God's Eye View - ***Ecclesiastes 12:11*** -  
*The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd.*

The \_\_\_\_\_ of a God's Eye View - ***Ecclesiastes 12:12*** - *My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.*

The \_\_\_\_\_ in a God's Eyes View - ***Ecclesiastes 12:13*** -  
*The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.*

The \_\_\_\_\_ from a God's Eyes View - ***Ecclesiastes 12:14*** -  
*For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.*

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