## 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

The Vanity of \_\_\_\_\_w/o God

Ecclesiastes 2:10–11 - And whatever

pleasure, for my heart found pleasure

in all my toil, and this was my reward

for all my toil. 11 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

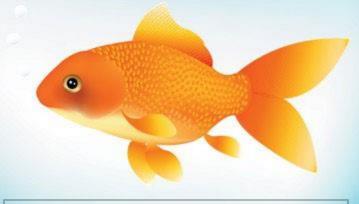
gained under the sun. See

Ecclesiastes 2:3-9

my eyes desired I did not keep from

them. I kept my heart from no

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?



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

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 2:18–19, 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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The	for a God's Eye View - <i>Ecclesiastes 12:11</i> -
	f 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 - <i>Ecclesiastes 12:12 - My</i>
	of anything beyond these. Of making many books there
is no end, an	d 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
commandme	nts, for this is the whole duty of man.
The	from a God's Eyes View - <i>Ecclesiastes 12:14</i>
- For God w	rill bring every deed into judgment, with every secret
thing, wheth	er good or evil.

– Finding \_\_\_\_\_ in Life with God

