



GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE MIST

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

ECCLESIASTES 11:7-12:8

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Enjoy _____

Because _____
(11:7-8)

Because _____
(11:9-12:1)

Because _____
(11:10-12:8)

Because _____
(11:10)

Ecclesiastes 11:7–12:8 (ESV)

11:7 *Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun. 8 So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity. 9 Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment. 10 Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.*

12:1 *Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them"; 2 before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, 3 in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed, 4 and the doors on the street are shut—when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low— 5 they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets— 6 before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, 7 and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. 8 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.*

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Ecclesiastes 2:24-25; 3:12-13; 5:18-20; 8:15; 9:7.** How has the study of Ecclesiastes impacted your perspective on enjoying life and the things of this world in a godly way? As we prepare to conclude our study of this book, what are some specific resolutions you want to make when it comes to following this instruction to enjoy life?
- 2. Read 1 Timothy 4:1-5.** How should the reality that God is the creator impact how we view and enjoy things in this world? How could you grow in receiving His gifts with thanksgiving as is recommended here?
- 3. Read Philippians 2:14-16.** In addition to the considerations of this passage, how will an attitude of grumbling and complaining negatively affect your life? What lessons from Ecclesiastes can help you think differently?
- 4. If you are younger, read Ecclesiastes 11:9.** What are some opportunities you have to enjoy your youth that may get harder as you grow older? How can you enjoy those to the glory of God? If you are older, **read Ecclesiastes 11:8**, what are the ways you can rejoice in all your many years and use your age as an asset in the fight for joy? If you're not sure if you are young or old, read both verses and answer both questions!
- 5. Read Ecclesiastes 11:10 & Matthew 6:27.** These verses help us see the futility of worry. What have you learned from Ecclesiastes that will help you worry less?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Gibson, David. *Living Life Backward*. Crossway, 2017.

Rigney, Joe. *The Things of Earth*. Crossway, 2015.

Wiersbe, Warren. *Be Satisfied*. Victor Books, 1990.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that all of us – young or old – would enjoy life to the glory of God!

Praise God for all the blessings He has given you and our church. Pray that our study of Ecclesiastes truly changes our lives.

Pray for a fruitful time for our men as they kick off a new series this Saturday!

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
5/16	Psalm 19, 21	Matthew 26:69-75 Mark 14:66-72, Luke 22:55-65, John 18:25-27
5/17	1 Chronicles 1, Psalm 43	Matthew 27:1-14, Mark 15:1-5, Luke 22:66-23:12, John 18:28-38
5/18	1 Chronicles 2, Psalm 44	Matthew 27:15-26, Mark 15:6-15, Luke 23:13-25, John 18:38-19:16
5/19	Psalm 45, 49, 84, 85, 87	Matthew 27:27-34, Mark 15:16-23, Luke 23:26-33, John 19:17
5/20	1 Chronicles 3, Psalm 73	Matthew 27:35-50, Mark 15:24-37
5/21	1 Chronicles 4, Psalm 77	Luke 23:33-46, John 19:18-30