Life Under the Sun

Now Lets Be Realistic!

Ecclesiastes 6:1 – 12
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What Does It Say?

What Does It Mean?

How Does It Apply?

Basic Tools
- Bible Translations
- Language References
- Bible Dictionaries

Secondary Tools
- Commentaries
- Historical Materials
- Theologies

Final Tools
- Illustrations
- Sermons

Prayer & Personal Time With God
Understanding the Bible Requires Careful Reading
Jesus Died

Jesus Arose
Carefully Reading Reveals Truth

- Eccl. 5:19 – refers to “a gift of God”
- Eccl. 6:1-12 is part of the context giving us the exceptions
There Is An Evil . . .

*Ecclesiastes 6:1*

- “under the sun”
- “prevalent”
- “among men”

RAB = “abundant, great, many or numerous”
1st Example of the Evil

Ecclesiastes 6:2

A man has . . .

- “riches”
- “possessions”
- “honor”
- “lacks nothing”

But cannot enjoy them.
Robbers Steal

Lawsuits Steal
Rich Man Who Could Not Enjoy His Wealth

Luke 12:16 - 21
2nd Example of the Evil
Ecclesiastes 6:3-6

Man has . . .

- “100 children”
- “long life”
- “no honor”
Hundreds of Children

Gen. 1:28
Lev. 26:9
Ps. 127:3-5
Ps. 128:3

Long Life

Deut. 5:16
Eph. 6:3
2nd Example of the Evil
Ecclesiastes 6:3-6

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But cannot enjoy them.
The Theme
Ecclesiastes 6:7 - 9

All Our Effort Is For Our Mouth

... always chasing pleasure
Whatever has happened was foreordained, and what happens to a person was also foreknown. It is useless for him to argue with God about his fate because God is more powerful than he is. The more one argues with words, the less he accomplishes. How does that benefit him? For no one knows what is best for a person during his life during the few days of his fleeting life – for they pass away like a shadow. Nor can anyone tell him what the future will hold for him on earth.

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 12 (NET)
The Conclusion
Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 12

• Our lives are already planned.
• Who you are and will become is planned.
• No benefit to arguing with God.
• You do not know what is best for your life.
• You do not know what will occur after you.
The Conclusion
Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 12

So, life under the sun is miserable.

... that is being realistic
Biblical Perspective

1. Be thankful for everything
   1 Thess. 5:16, 18
   Hebrews 13:15
   James 1:2

2. Why? Because God makes everything work together for good.
   Romans 8:28
Rejoice – you play an important role in God’s majestic plans.

... Romans 8:28