

# ✠ Unsheathing the SWORD ✠



## Ecclesiastes

**MEMORIZATION – Ecclesiastes 7:20 – “There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins.”**

### Chapter 1

Extra credit: Who do you think is the author of Ecclesiastes?

1. If you were to use one word to capture the theme of Ecclesiastes, the word might be “meaningless.” Pay attention to the frequent use of this word throughout the twelve chapters.

2. “What has been \_\_\_\_\_, what has been done \_\_\_\_\_; there is \_\_\_\_\_ under the sun.”

### Chapter 2

1. Read 2:10 and consider whether this would be God’s recommendation for life.

2. The writer says that the fool walks in darkness, but is that really any worse than being wise? For “like the fool, the wise man too \_\_\_\_\_!”

3. And the writer is pretty jaded about working to gain wealth. What happens to wealth?

### Chapter 3

1. "There is a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_ for every activity under heaven."

2. So many "times." What "time" fits you at this point in your life?

3. A glimmer of cheerfulness comes only when the writer speaks of God. God "has made everything beautiful \_\_\_\_\_."

#### **Chapter 4**

1. The classic wedding verse: "A cord of \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_\_."

#### **Chapter 5**

1. Does this put us in our place? "God is \_\_\_\_\_ and you are \_\_\_\_\_ so let your words be \_\_\_\_\_."

2. "Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs." In your own words, what does this verse mean?

3. a) What is it "when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work"?

b) God keeps this man occupied with \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Chapter 6 - none**

#### **Chapter 7**

1. Chapter seven includes an interesting Old Testament comment regarding righteousness and sin. "There is not a \_\_\_\_\_ man on earth who does what is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_." Read Romans 3:23 for a New Testament version.

#### **Chapters 8-11 - none**

## Chapter 12

1. Throughout Ecclesiastes we see various life purposes and pastimes discussed and then discarded as “meaningless.” We see being foolish or wise, rich or poor, powerful or oppressed, all discussed and then dismissed as being “meaningless.”

Finally, what is “the conclusion of the matter?”

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