

Ecclesiastes

God, who at sundry times
and in divers manners
spake in time past unto the
fathers by the prophets, [2]
Hath in these last days
spoken unto us by his
Son... Hebrews 1:1-2

Divers Manners

- History
- Commands / Law
- Prophecy
- Prose / poetry

Divers Manners

- Directly
- Angels
- Preaching
- Visions
- Dreams
- Writings
- Donkey

Ecclesiastes

- Search for the meaning of life
- We watch as HE searches ...

Ecclesiastes

- Drawing conclusions –
 - some he keeps...
 - some he discards as he progresses
 - Comes to a final conclusion... →

Conclusion:

¹³ Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Eccl. 12:13

Several Points to Remember

- ‘under the sun’
- Vanity –
 - ‘fleeting / transitory’ ...
- God ... is a main part of this man’s life.

Under the Sun

- Some 29 times in the book
- NOT physical location – everyone there.
- Philosophical viewpoint

Under the Sun

- Looks to SELF for meaning of life ...
- Leaves off REVELATION from God ..
 - no quoting of scripture...
 - no 'God says'...

Under the Sun

- Philosophical viewpoint
 - Human wisdom –
 - No 'higher' than what HE can see / think

WRONG

All go to one place.

All are from the
dust, and to dust all
return. 3:20

the dust returns to
the earth as it was,
and the spirit returns
to God who gave it.

12:7

Vanity of vanities,
says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities!
All is vanity. 1:2

Vanity of Vanities

- Vanity: 73 occurrences
- KJ translates as “vanity”
61 times,

Vanity of Vanities

1 vapour, breath. 1a

breath, vapour. 1b

vanity (fig.) adv. 2

vainly.

—Strong

Vanity of Vanities

Transitory –
fleeting – NOT
for the eternal

God

- Is In Heaven
- Unfathomable
- Eternal -

God

- Creator
- Gives
- Works
- Requires
- Gets Angry
 - Destroys
- Judges Men
- To be
FEARED

- Under the sun...
- All is vanity
- God is eternal

What is good
for man?

There is nothing better
for a person than that he
should eat and drink and
find enjoyment in his toil.
This also, I saw, is from
the hand of God, 2:24

What Is Good For Man

- 2:10 - rejoiced in all my labor
- 2:24 - enjoy good in his labor
- 3:12-14 – rejoice /do good
- 3:22 – rejoice in OWN works
- 5:18 – enjoy good of his labor
- 8:14-15 – mirth / joy

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.

11:9

Eccles. 11:9

But know that for all
these things God
will bring you into
judgment.

For God shall bring
every work into
judgment, with every
secret thing, whether it
be good, or whether it
be evil. 12:14

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