

Rev. White's reading notes  
based on synthetic reading of the book

## Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes' examination of life "under the sun" concludes that the occurrence of injustice & unfairness plus the common denominator of death makes the pursuits & accomplishments of life exercises in vanity. Even so, honoring God, living virtuously, & enjoying life has value even when life seems to fail to have meaning.

Ecclesiastes examines life "under the sun" and observes that even when you've done the best you can, life can be unjust & unfair. In addition, there's this big common denominator called death that makes even the best pursuits & the most desirable accomplishments ultimately exercises in vanity, like grabbing for vapor. Even so, when life seems difficult to understand and when life seems to fail to have meaning, the wisdom of Ecclesiastes reveals that honoring God, living virtuously, & enjoying the experience of life still has value.

1-2	So Vain	8	Fear King & God
3	Timing is Everything	9 – 10	Death, Life, & Wisdom
4	Evil & Emptiness	11	Generosity & Joy
5:1-7	Fear God	12	Fear God
5:8 – 7:29	Of Wealth & Wisdom		

Even when (or even though)  
Life seems

Vain & Meaningless,

**FEAR GOD**

Love Life, &

Live the BEST LIFE

You Can!

Chapter 1 – 2

**LIST OF VANITIES**

Purpose	Property	Popularity
Pleasure	Prosperity	

With death being life's common denominator, life seem largely vanity.  
Still, it's better to be good B4 God, enjoy good, & seek wisdom

**DESPITE VANITY, It's Good To Have**

Wisdom	Industriousness
Goodness/Righteousness	Generosity
Enjoyment	Honor of God