

# I GAVE MY HEART TO SEEK AND SEARCH OUT BY WISDOM ECCLESIASTES 1

Text: Ecclesiastes 1:13

(Ecclesiastes 1:13) "And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith."

Introduction:

Often times; answers to life are sought in places that answers can't be found. Such is the case with Solomon. He sought for answers by wisdom. Wisdom in and of itself will leave one with many questions.

Notice:

## **1. PRESUMED CONDITION (v.2)**

(Ecclesiastes 1:2) "Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity."

A. One may be led to believe that all is vanity when the only thing sought is earthly wisdom in solving problems.

B. Area of earthly wisdom some seek to answer the questions or to meet their problems.

1. Psychology - to answer questions concerning mans actions.
2. Scientific - to answer questions concerning man's beginnings.

Trying to answer these types of questions using only these types of wisdom of wisdom will lead one to believe that all is vanity.

## **2. POSED QUESTION (V. 3)**

(Ecclesiastes 1:3) "What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?"

A. In searching for answers in the wrong places all of mans efforts have little profit.

## **3. PASSING THINGS (V. 4-11)**

(Ecclesiastes 1:4-11) "One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever. {5} The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose. {6} The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirlleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits. {7} All the

rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again. {8} All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. {9} The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. {10} Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us. {11} There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after."

#### A. Things that come and go

1. Generations pass away. (v. 4)
2. Sun rises & sets. (v. 5)
3. Wind whirls continually (v. 6)
4. Rivers run into the seas (v. 7)
5. No Remembrance of things accomplished (9-11)

There some things that happen that we cannot change more understand as to why they happen.

## **4. PRINCIPLES RECOGNIZED (v. 13-18)**

- A. No matter how thoroughly a man investigates all these passing things he cannot change or comprehend them.
- B. Much of man's efforts on this earth is vanity.
- C. Much wisdom often produces much grief.
- D. Increased knowledge often increases sorrow.

Close:

Earthly wisdom will not satisfy nor answer many questions.