

SERMON NOTES - CHASING AFTER THE WIND - ECCLESIASTES 2:1-11

We all want to be happy. We all search for things that will bring us pleasure. At the height of his reign, king Solomon, the traditionally held author of Ecclesiastes, set out to find out if there was any lasting pleasure under heaven, apart from God. He set his vast resources to the task and examined every form of pleasure available to him (which was pretty much everything). And he wisely finds all of the pleasures under the sun to be lacking. So, where can true happiness be found?

CHASING PLEASURE: SOLOMON TESTS EVERYTHING UNDER HEAVEN (ECCLESIASTES 2:1-10)

LAUGHTER (v. 2)

PARTYING (vv. 3, 8)

HOMEMAKING (vv. 4-6)

LEISURE (v. 7)

WEALTH (v. 8A)

SEX (v. 8B)

WORK (v. 9)

ETC. (v. 10)

PLEASURE ELUDES: SOLOMON'S FINAL ANALYSIS (ECCLESIASTES 2:11)

FINDING PLEASURE: THE ULTIMATE SATISFACTION OF THE LORD (ECCLESIASTES 3:12-13; PSALM 42)

WE WERE CREATED TO FIND ETERNAL PLEASURE IN GOD AND TEMPORARY PLEASURE IN GOD'S CREATION.

SIN DISTORTS OUR PLEASURE SEEKING.

JESUS CAME TO RESTORE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND OUR ETERNAL PLEASURE IN GOD'S KINGDOM.

JESUS CALLS US TO GLORIFY GOD MOST BY BEING MOST SATISFIED IN HIM.

JESUS ENABLES US TO TRULY ENJOY GOD'S TEMPORARY PLEASURES WITH THANKSGIVING AND GRATITUDE AS GOOD GIFTS FROM HIS HAND.



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