

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Nathan Currey

All Work But No Gain

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

January 24, 2021

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p>Ecclesiastes 1:1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. [2] Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. [3] What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun? [4] A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. [5] The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises. [6] The wind blows to the south and goes around to the north; around and around goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. [7] All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again. [8] All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. [9] What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. [10] Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It has been already in the ages before us. [11] There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be any remembrance of later things yet to be among those who come after.</p>	<p>I. Introduction to Ecclesiastes</p> <p>II. Who is the Preacher?</p> <p>III. What is the Theme of the Book?</p> <p>IV. How Should We View Our Toil 'Under the Sun'?</p> <p>V. Where Do You Find Purpose for Life?</p> <p>Memory verses for 2021-</p> <p>Ephesians 5:15-21</p> <p>[15] Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,</p> <p>[16] making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.</p> <p>[17] Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.</p> <p>[18] And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,</p> <p>[19] addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,</p> <p>[20] giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,</p> <p>[21] submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.</p>

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Sermon Application Questions

1. "Martin Luther said we should read this noble little book every day, precisely because it so firmly rejects sentimental religiosity." How do you see 'sentimental religiosity' in the world we live in?

2. Hevel in Hebrew is literally vapor or breath. A puff of smoke. How do you see "vanity" in your world?

3. Why is it important for us to understand well the 'under the sun' perspective of our world?

4. How would you describe the 'over the sun' perspective that the rest of scripture brings to bear?

5. How could you use Ecclesiastes to talk to lost friends and family about the gospel?

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: