

# ***The Words of the Preacher: ECCLESIASTES***

## ***Life Under the Sun***

### ***The Vanity of Time & Chance***

#### ***Ecclesiastes 9:11-18***

#### **PASTOR'S PRAYER**

Almighty God, our way, our truth, our life. You open your hand and satisfy every living thing. You spoke & all things exist. In your wisdom you give life, sustain life, cause life to flourish and will one day order our final day when we will breathe our last here on earth and enter, by faith in Christ, eternal life. Grant us wisdom from your Word this morning that we might measure our days and order them according to your grace and for your glory. Come now Holy Spirit and speak to us through your Word preached that we might fix our faith on Christ and look to Him for all wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Him. Stir faith, sure and confident faith as we live our days that we might do so with joy and hope in the promises of Christ. And press upon us repentance that we might repent of our hearts that so often grope and long for the world and the things in it. You alone are able to do these things in our midst this morning, LORD. You alone give life eternal and nourish life eternal through these means before us this morning. Do this for your name's sake. Amen & Amen

#### **OUTLINE**

1. Wisdom Considered (vv. 11-12)
2. Wisdom Illustrated (vv. 13-15)
3. Wisdom Measured (vv. 16-18)
4. Wisdom Displayed ~ Approaching the Table

#### ***Central Textual Truth***

*The Preacher calls Israel to pursue wisdom even in a world of time & chance.*

#### ***Central Sermon Aim***

*I want SGBC to trust Christ, our wisdom in His world of perfect providence.*