

"Solomon's Conclusion" Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:14

I. Use the vigor of life while you have it, knowing days of

_____ will with certainty end man's

- journey on the earth (11:7-8).
- a. Young men ought to rejoice with a degree of

restraint knowing that life is _____

(11:9-10).

Ecclesiastes 6:9

b. Live so as to have no _____ later

(12:1-8).

II. The preacher (Solomon) was full of wisdom, wrote

proverbs, and characterizes this writing as

_____ and trustworthy (12:9-10).

- a. In a warning, the reader is cautioned not to treat this book as just ______ writing of man (12:11-12).
- b. The grand conclusion is to revere God and keep His commands knowing that He will

_____ all (12:13-14).

Proverbs 9:10; Ecclesiastes 3:1-17

Tonight:

- 1. A retracing of the overall structure of Ecclesiastes, what takes place from chapter to chapter, to make sure we got it, or at least to identify what we got and what where we might have some struggle for meaning or flow of logic.
- 2. Is the book of Ecclesiastes a book targeted to Jews or to all nations? (Note, whether this is Solomon or a later author, very little is said about the law of Moses, cf. 12:13).
- 3. How would a Pagan philosopher interact with the book? What critiques or arguments might he offer? At what points would he have to confess that he has no answer to Solomon's wisdom?