

Come Rain or Shine: Sunny Days

Enjoying life under the sun

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I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind. Ecclesiastes 1:13-14 (NIV)

Everything is meaningless.

I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. Ecclesiastes 2:10 (NIV)

Whimsy

Wine

Wealth

Wisdom

Work

So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind... What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labour under the sun? All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless. Ecclesiastes 2:17,22-23 (NIV)

To the wise teacher, life seems...

- Unfair
- Confusing
- Discouraging

But he does not give up all hope .

What do workers gain from their toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil - this is the gift of God. I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear Him. Ecclesiastes 3:9-14 (NIV)

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (NIV)

Fear and keep His Commandments

Appreciate the gifts from God

Enjoy the life God has given us under the sun

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What are some things in this world that you have chased after and found lacking? What helped you realise that it was more unfulfilling than you expected?
2. How can you enjoy your life “under the sun” better than you do right now? What gifts do you need to thank God for that you may have overlooked?