



Ecclesiastes

JESUS GIVES US MEANING



Everything Is Meaningless Without Jesus

Ecclesiastes 1:1-18; 12:8-14

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Introduction

• **Author** — Probably King _____

• **Theme/Purpose** — A book of _____ teaching that everything is
_____ apart from finding one's meaning in God and Him alone

I. Everything is meaningless because all of our activity is _____ (1:3-11)

- A. Key phrase — *Life under the sun* — Sets the context for the investigation. He's looking at the question of meaning from an _____ perspective

II. Everything is meaningless because nothing _____ (1:12-18)

- A. Solomon moves now from what he has observed in nature to what we can learn from his _____

B. *“The American dream is a lie and a failure. We live in a culture with more money, more entertainment, more pleasurable experiences, more recreation, and more stuff than any previous generation could have ever dreamed, and pain pills and antidepressants fly over the counters of our pharmacies. It's a miserable world where one of the funniest and richest men the world has ever seen — Robin Williams — kills himself in despair. Ecclesiastes gives a bleak look on life, but the Spirit had a purpose for inspiring this book to be written. He wants to expose the meaningless of life in a cursed world in order to create a hunger for something better. Ecclesiastes wants to push us to faith and contentment in God ... The Holy Spirit inspired Ecclesiastes to convict you of your own meaningless in your current existence in order to ‘make you wise for salvation through Jesus Christ’ (2 Tim 3:15)” — Danny Akin*

III. Our frustration in the meaninglessness of everything is meant to drive us to _____ (12:8-14)

- A. The entire point of Solomon's book of Ecclesiastes is to show that it is only those who fear God and who walk in wisdom and obedience to His commands that can _____ this world as a gift of the Creator, and therefore as a channel for _____.