

Life Under The Sun – Ecclesiastes

Chapter 1 – Lesson 1

“All things *are* full of labor; Man cannot express *it*. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.” Ecclesiastes 1:8

What does Ecclesiastes 1:8 mean to Ronnie:

Verse 8 applies to alcohol, drugs, sex, and all other works of the flesh that are pursued, but they do not satisfy us.



Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

MATTHEW 5:6 (KJV)



“For he who _____ to his flesh will of the flesh reap _____, but he who sows to the _____ will of the Spirit reap everlasting _____.
Galatians 6:8

sows corruption Spirit life

“Blessed are those who _____ and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be _____.
Matthew 5: 6

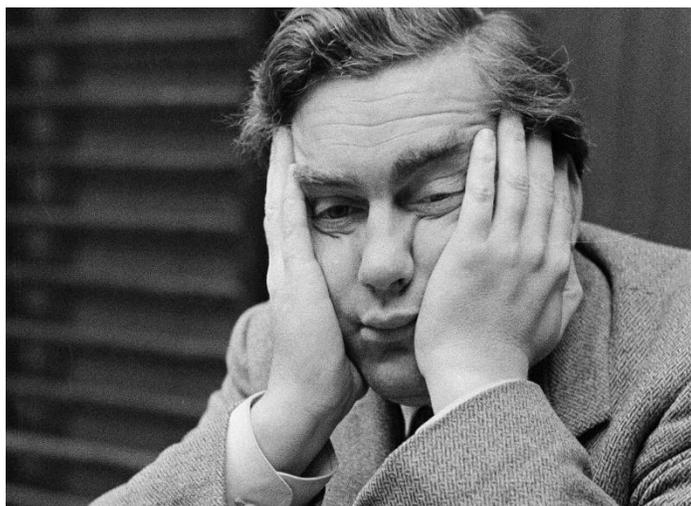
hunger filled

“Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your _____ for _____ that _____ in your members? 2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not _____. James 4:1,2

desires pleasure war ask

Beloved, I beg you as _____ and pilgrims, _____ from fleshly lusts which _____ against the soul” 1 Peter 2: 11

sojourners abstain war



The World's Way is Nothing New = Boring

“That which has been *is* what will be, That which *is* done is what will be done, And *there is* nothing new _____
_____. 10 Is there anything of which it may be said, “See, this *is* new”? It has already been in ancient times before us. 11 *There is* no remembrance of former *things*, Nor will there be any remembrance of *things* that are to come By *those* who will come after.” Ecclesiastes 1:9-11 under the sun

What does Ecclesiastes 1:9-11 mean to Ronnie?

That a world without God is very boring and unfulfilling



The Christian Way is New and Exciting! _____

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a _____; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

new creation

“And have put on the _____ who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,” Colossians 3:10

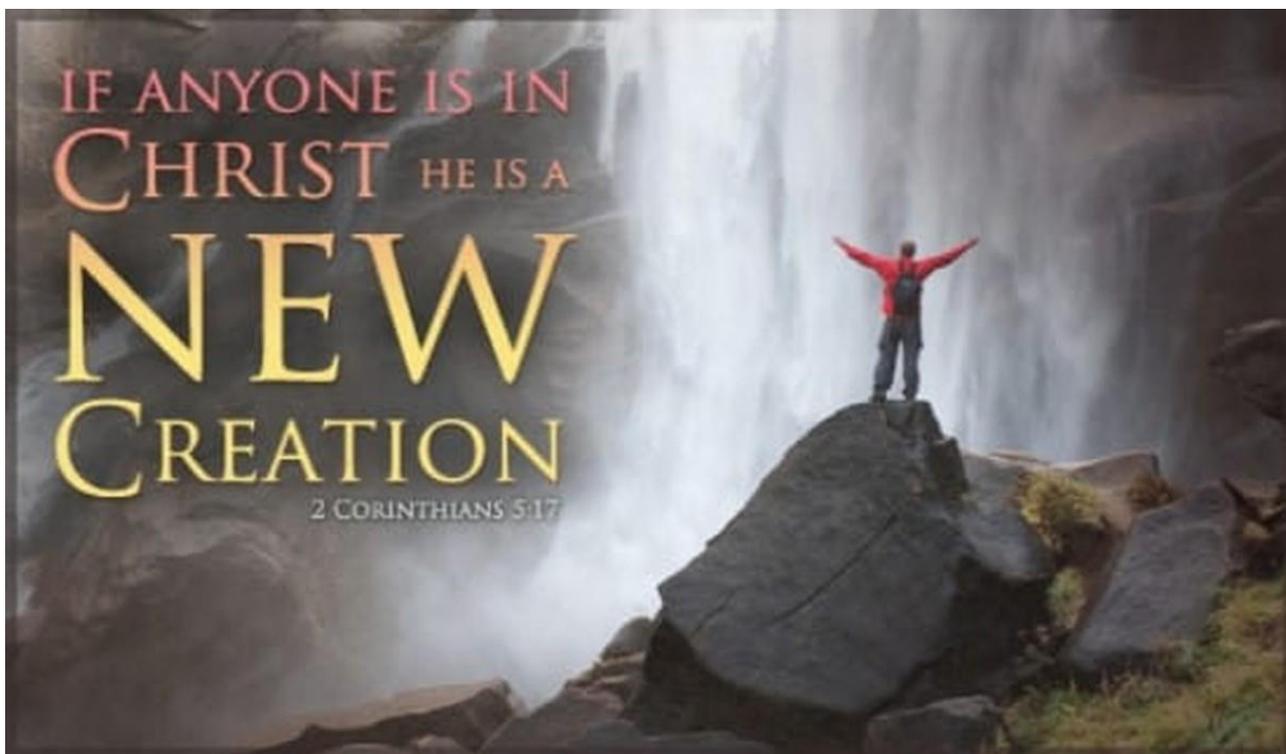
new man

“Again, as I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining” 1 John 2:8

new commandment

“Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I _____." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." Revelation 21:5

make all things new

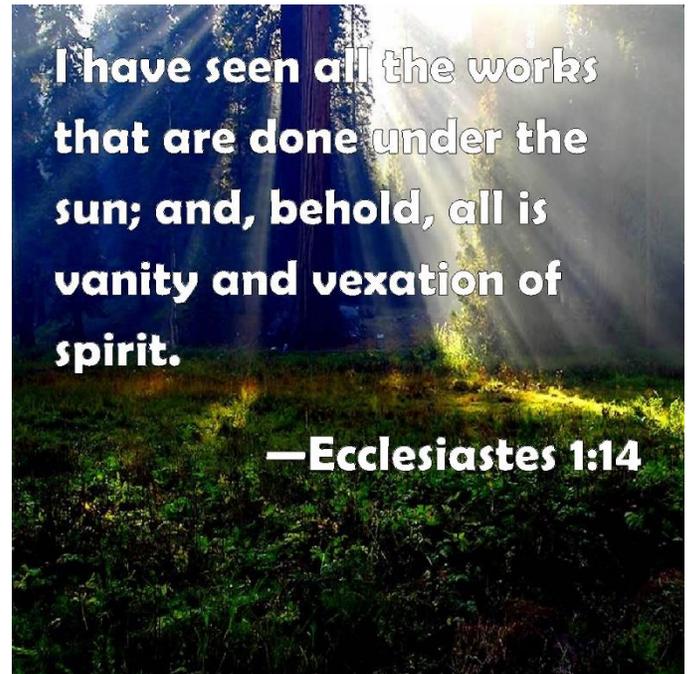


“I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. **13** And I set my _____ to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; this _____ task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be _____. **14** I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is _____ and grasping for the wind. Ecclesiastes 1:12-14

heart burdensome exercised
vanity

Where in the Bible do we read about God giving the burdensome task to mankind?”

Genesis 3:16-19 – The Fall of Adam and Eve



The Serenity Prayer

God grant me,

The *Serenity* to accept the things I cannot change,

The *Courage* to change the things I can,

And, the *Wisdom* to know the difference.

What prayer addresses Ecclesiastes 1:15 ?

The serenity prayer

15 *What is crooked cannot be made straight, And what is lacking cannot be numbered.* Ecclesiastes 1:15

16 I communed with my _____, saying, "Look, I have attained greatness, and have gained more _____ than all who were before me in Jerusalem. My heart has understood great wisdom and _____." 17 And I set my heart to know wisdom and to know _____ and folly. I perceived that this also is _____ for the wind."

Ecclesiastes 1:16

Heart wisdom knowledge madness grasping

Under the sun is a terrible place to live

it is a rip off



¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18

What does Ecclesiastes 1:18 mean to Ronnie?

That all the wisdom and knowledge in a world without God is useless and even harmful!

What New Testament passage is like Ecclesiastes 1:18, and what does it explain?

1 Corinthians 13 which explains that without the love of God, nothing else matters!

¹⁵ This _____ does not descend from above, but is earthly, _____, demonic. ¹⁶ For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from _____ is first pure, then _____, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. James 3:15-17
wisdom sensual above peaceable



Ecclesiastes 2:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done and on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed all was _____ and grasping for the wind. *There was* no profit under the sun. vanity

Ecclesiastes 2:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ Therefore I turned my heart and despaired of all the labor in which I had toiled _____

under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 2:22 (NKJV)

²² For what has man for all his labor, and for the striving of his heart with which he has toiled _____ under the sun

¹⁵ For what I am doing, I do not _____ . For what I will to do, that I do not _____ ; but what I hate, that I do. ¹⁶ If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that *it is* good. ¹⁷ But now, *it is* no longer I who do it, but _____ that dwells in me. ¹⁸ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find. ¹⁹ For the good that I will *to do*, I do not do; but the evil I will not *to do*, that I _____. ²⁰ Now if I do what I will not *to do*, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. ²¹ I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. ²² For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. ²³ But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my _____, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴ O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ I thank God--through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin” (Romans 7:15-25). **understand practice sin practice mind**



¹ Where do wars and _____ *come* from among you? Do *they* not *come* from your _____ *for* _____ that war in your members? ² You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may _____ *it* on your pleasures.
James 4:1-3

fight desires pleasure spend