

Ecclesiastes
Gail Arterburn –2025

Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed – 01/13/25

Lesson 2
Eccl. 1:13-2:26

1. Read Eccl. 1:13. How Solomon go about finding an acceptable answer to the meaning of life? (v. 13)
What do you think he meant by *the heavy burden God has laid on men*?

2. Read Eccl. 1:14-18. What was his initial conclusion? Why were his efforts just a *chasing after the wind*? Was he able figure out the meaning of life by his study and wisdom and experiences? How would you explain v. 18?

3. What essential mistakes had he made all along? (For example: Who had he left out? What was his focus? What was his attitude?)

4. Read Eccl. 2:1-11. Most people today would equate unlimited wealth with unlimited satisfaction in life. Afterall, that is why so many lottery tickets are sold! Solomon had unlimited wealth and resources. Where did he turn in his pursuit of satisfaction and meaning in the following verses:
 - Vv. 2:1-3

 - Vv. 2:4-6

 - Vv.2: 7-9

 - Vv. 10-11 – How did it work out for him?

5. Read Eccl. 2:12-16. What truth did he recognize about wisdom versus folly? Yet in the long run, did that resolve his frustration with life? Why not?

6. Read Eccl. 2:17-23. In vs. 17, Solomon said he hated life and his labor on earth was grievous to him. What reasons did he give for feeling that way?

7. Read 2:24-26. What change occurs in these verses? What is the satisfied life? How is it obtained? By whom?