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a Study in Ecclesiastes

“Vanity of vanities,” says the Preacher;  
“all is vanity.”

**Ecclesiastes 4:8**



Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care.

**Ecclesiastes 4:9**



**The Purposes of Ecclesiastes.  
The Summarizing Conclusion of  
Ecclesiastes.**



# Purposes of Ecclesiastes:

The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.

**Ecclesiastes 4:10**



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**Ecclesiastes 4:11**





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For the word of God is living and active,  
sharper than any two-edged sword,  
piercing to the division of soul and of  
spirit, of joints and of marrow, and  
discerning the thoughts and intentions  
of the heart.

**Hebrews 4:12**



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1. Satisfy
2. Sting
3. Stabilize

The words of the wise are like goads,  
and like nails firmly fixed are the  
collected sayings.

**Ecclesiastes 4:11**





# Purposes of Ecclesiastes:

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2. Sting
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...they are given by one Shepherd. My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

**Ecclesiastes 4:11-12**



# The Summarizing Conclusion of Ecclesiastes.



The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

**Ecclesiastes 4:13**



For apart from God who can eat or who  
can have enjoyment?

**Ecclesiastes 2:25**



I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him.

**Ecclesiastes 3:14**



Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few.

**Ecclesiastes 5:2**



Consider the work of God: who can make straight what he has made crooked? In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one as well as the other, so that man may not find out anything that will be after him.

**Ecclesiastes 7:13-14**





But all this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God.

**Ecclesiastes 9:1**



As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.

**Ecclesiastes 11:5**



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For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

**Ecclesiastes 4:14**



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