

## GETTING THE MOST OUT OF LIFE (you only go around once)

Intro. Commonly taken as pessemistic book of human wisdom. Or libertine phil of life. No rev but insp recorded. But title, preacher or ecclesiastic. Sermon with text at beg and end, 1:2;12:8. To lead disciples into wisdom. That wisdom = knowledge and could gain by bookwork (12:12). Then could understand what God doing. But life under sun bears few outward signs of rational moral God ordering events. So know leads to despair, true wisdom leads to getting most out of life. Ch 3 key. Doct. of God.

I. God is Sovereign (Wise), 3:1-8 *so we Trust Him*  
14 pairs. Time 28x. As sovereign He is over all and gives variety and oppor. of life. Eph 1:11 but using various means. Means are ill in these pairs.

A. Complete control--life and death.

B. Man and God cooperating, plant and harvest.

C. Mostly man--speak and keep silence.

On dancing. David, 2 Sam 6:14; Salome, Mk 6:22; Israelites before calf, Ex 32:19. Kind of whirling motion done solo or with same sex. Sometimes used of kind of rel procession where choirs marched in time with hymns they sang.

v.1 season and specific time. God orders all things using variety of means. School in His plan, weeping, laugh, silence, speak, love, hate. When discouraged don't jump elsewhere. God is God of order.

*1. 2- ref. sup. or cap. p. 11  
2. clean length book  
3. 17. memory  
4. hat: stud profane*

II. God is Good, 9-15 *so we Enjoy Him*

What profit is work? How can I be sure I'm in tune with God's seasons? vlla in its time but still can't discern, 11. Only see part of play, hear few bars of symphony. Beautiful good, vll. So how shall I react to circ of life?

A. Do good, 12 Gal 6:10 *to know*

B. Enjoy, 13, 1 Tim 6:17. Don't love, 1 Jn 2:15 *to see good in the plan*

C. Fear, 14. Reverential awe. LXX uses phobos, 1 Pet 1:17 2:17. Can't add or subtract from God's plan, 14-15, so get in it. 5:12, 15, 18 Gen 22:12; Mal 3:16=fear.

III. God is Just, 16-21, b, 16-17.

11 put eternity in heart. Gives a perspective. Can ignore or use. If ignore no better than beasts. (what you do) 2 Cor 5:10

Lk 16, (what you spend); 2 Cor 4:16-18 (how you react)

Concl. This is time for schooling. Do good, enjoy, keep one eye on eternal values.

*Can't fully understand v.11 - so that = without value*

*but v.11*

*So we serve*