

# Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

- I. [Superscription (1)]
  - A. The words of the Preacher (Qoheleth)
  - B. The son of David, king in Jerusalem.
- II. [Theme Verse (2)]
  - A. “Vanity of vanities,” says the Preacher
  - B. “Vanity of vanities! All is vanity.”
- III. [Question (3)]
  - A. What advantage does man have in all his work
  - B. Which he does under the sun?
- IV. [The ‘circular’ arguments (4-11)]
  - A. [Human generations (4)]
    - 1. A generation goes and a generation comes,
    - 2. But the earth remains forever.
  - B. [Natural Cycles (5-7)]
    - 1. [the sun (5)]
      - a. Also, the sun rises and the sun sets;
      - b. And hastening to its place it rises there again.
    - 2. [the wind (6)]
      - a. Blowing toward the south,
      - b. Then turning toward the north,
      - c. The wind continues swirling along;
      - d. And on its circular courses the wind returns.
    - 3. [the water (7)]
      - a. All the rivers flow into the sea,
      - b. Yet the sea is not full
      - c. To the place where the rivers flow,
      - d. There they flow again
  - C. [Human experience (8-11)]
    - 1. [all things (8)]
      - a. All things are wearisome;
      - b. Man is not able to tell it.
      - c. The eye is not satisfied with seeing,
      - d. Nor is the ear filled with hearing.
    - 2. [human achievements (9-10)]
      - a. That which has been is that which will be
      - b. And that which has been done is that which will be done
      - c. So there is nothing new under the sun.
        - i. Is there anything of which one might say, “See this, it is new.”?
        - ii. Already it has existed for ages which were before us.
    - 3. [former history (11)]
      - a. There is no remembrance of earlier things;
      - b. And also of the later things which will occur,
      - c. There will be for them no remembrance
      - d. Among those who will come later still.