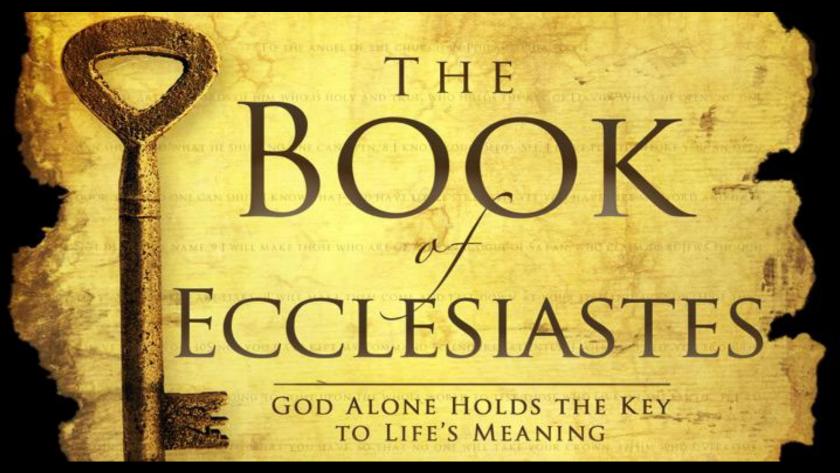
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Exodus 25:8

**Psalms 77:13** 



#### Health Snippet - Tatsoi

#### **Health Benefits of Tatsoi** (Seek Medical Advice)

Tatsoi (Brassica rapa) is an Asian variety of mustard green, related to Bok choy. Also known as spoon mustard, spinach mustard, or rosette Bok choy. It has a flat rosette of small, dark green, spoon-shaped leaves and has a mild mustardy flavour.

#### **Key Health Benefits:**

Rich in Vitamins: Excellent source of Vitamin C (immunity, tissue), A (eyes, skin), and K (blood clotting, bones).

<u>Bone Health</u>: High in calcium & Vit K, for strong bones & teeth <u>Immune Support</u>: Loaded with Vitamin C and antioxidants like beta-carotene to fight illness.

<u>Antioxidant Power</u>: has antioxidants and phytonutrients that combat cell damage from free radicals, < chronic disease risk. <u>Digestive Health</u>: Provides dietary fiber, promoting good gut health and preventing constipation.

<u>Heart Health</u>: Potassium helps regulate fluid balance and is vital for heart function.

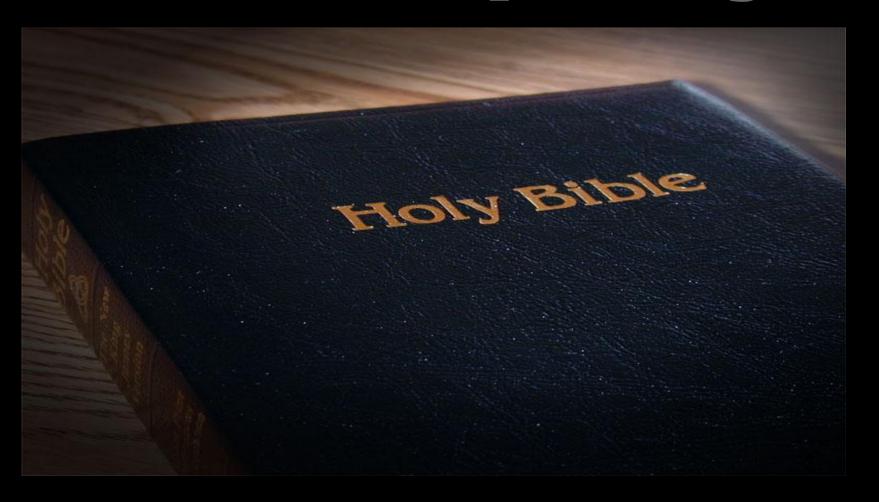
<u>Pregnancy Support</u>: Folate assists with cell growth and helps prevent neural tube defects.

Side Effects: in some can have issues in thyroid conditions, interaction with blood thinners and potential gas/bloating.

# TATSOI NUTRIENT FACTS

- Reduce oxidative stress
- Inhibit tumor growth
- 3 Helps in weight management
- 4 Support cardiovascular health
- Improved Mental and Physical Well-being
- 6 Regulate blood sugar levels
- Protective effects for the liver and kidneys
- 8 Boost immune system
- Maintain healthy bones
- 10 Help improve eye health
- Promotes digestive health
- 12 Maintain healthy skin

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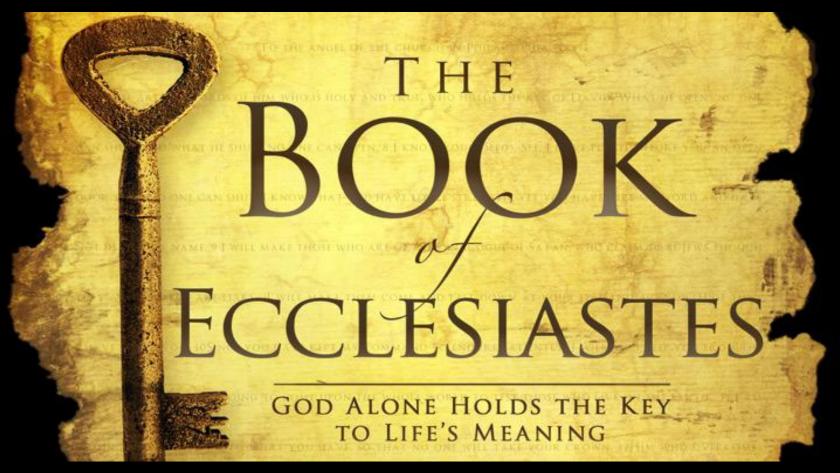
### Yes, we Can!

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 KJV



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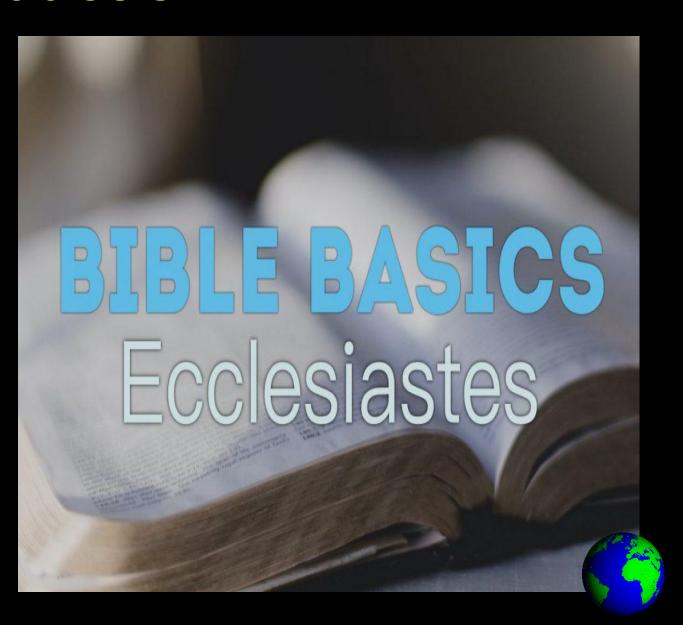


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#### Introduction

The main themes of Ecclesiastes are the futility of life without God, the vanity of human wisdom, pleasure, and wealth, and the ultimate necessity of fearing God and keeping His commandments.

The book explores the transient nature of life, the cyclical pattern of history, and the limits of human understanding, ultimately concluding that true purpose is found in a reverential relationship with the Creator.

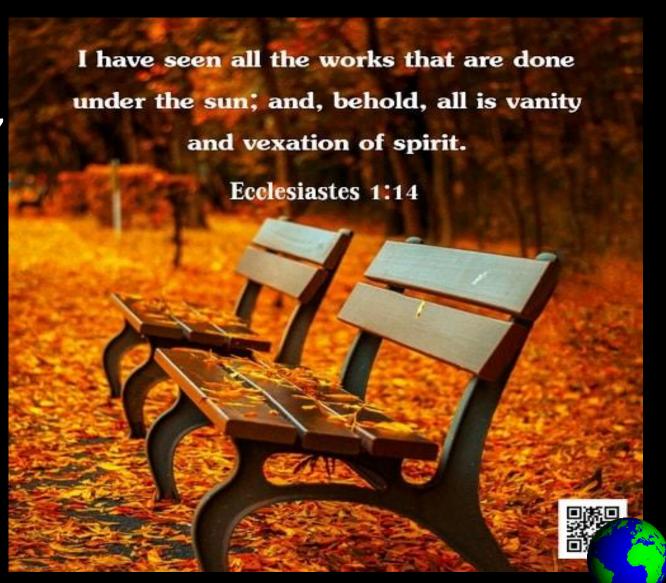


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Futility ("vanity"): The recurring phrase "under the sun" refers to a worldly perspective where all human endeavours—such as labour, pleasure, wealth, and wisdom—are ultimately pointless, fleeting, and like "chasing the wind" when separated from God.

Meaning of life: The book grapples with the question of life's meaning, exploring the apparent absurdity of human existence and the fact that all people face the same end: death.

God's sovereignty: Ecclesiastes highlights God's ultimate control and the limits of human power and wisdom, asserting that we cannot fully understand God's plans or actions.

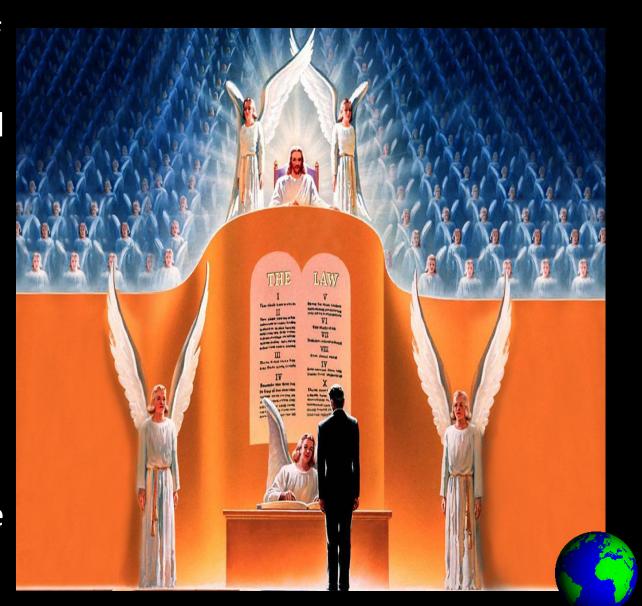


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Enjoyment in the present: In the face of life's uncertainties, the book advises that one should enjoy the simple pleasures of life, such as food, work, and companionship, as they are gifts from God. However, this enjoyment must be balanced with moderation.

The fear of God: The concluding message emphasizes that the true meaning of life lies in fearing God and obeying His commands. This fear is not one of panic, but one of reverential awe and submission that gives life purpose.

Judgment: The final verses state that God will bring all deeds to judgment, providing an eternal perspective and the hope for ultimate justice that gives meaning to life's struggles.



### 1 – Jesus's teachings in Ecclesiastes 1. Don't Worry

Ecclesiastes 11:10 - which encourages the reader to remove sorrow and trouble from their life because youth and life itself are fleeting.

This message aligns with similar themes in the Bible, such as Jesus' teaching in Matthew 6:25-34



### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ecclesiastes 2. To Love

The book of Ecclesiastes uses different language to describe the cycles of human life, which includes periods for both positive and negative emotions. Ecclesiastes 3:8

The teaching to "love your enemies, and pray for them which persecute you" is found in the New Testament, primarily in the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew 5:44



### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ecclesiastes 3. The Golden Rule

Ecclesiastes focuses on life's vanity, God's sovereignty, enjoying simple pleasures, and ultimately fearing God and keeping His commandments Ecclesiastes 12:13-14.

The phrase "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you" (the Golden Rule) it's famously from Matthew 7:12



### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ecclesiastes 4. Love God

Is shown through fearing God, keeping His commandments, finding joy in His gifts (eating, working), and understanding that life's meaning points to Him, culminating in Ecclesiastes 12:13

Yes, the statement "the greatest commandment is love" comes directly from Jesus' teaching in the New Testament Matthew 22:37-40



### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ecclesiastes 5. Love Your Neighbour

The book emphasizes living wisely, finding joy in simple things (like family), and ultimately fearing God and keeping His commands, which implies righteous living toward others, as seen in Ecclesiastes 9:9

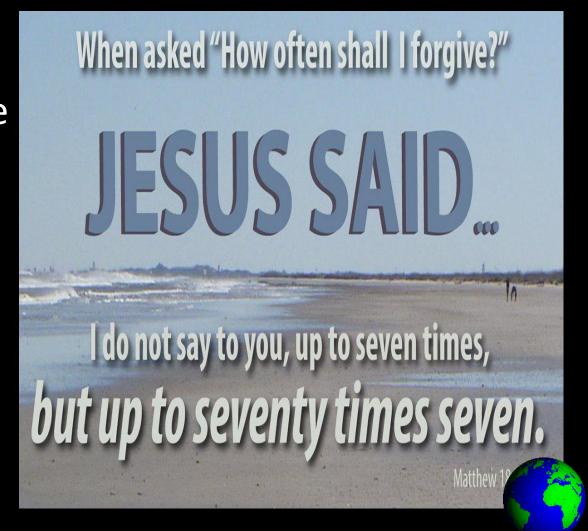
In Matthew 22:39, Jesus states these two commandments—loving God and loving your neighbour—are the greatest, on which "all the Law and the Prophets hang".



### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ecclesiastes 6. Forgive

Warns against anger (Ecclesiastes 7:9), acknowledges everyone sins (Ecclesiastes 7:20), Suggesting peace over grudges, with forgiveness seen in the related in Ecclesiastes 8:2 as the key to receiving God's pardon.

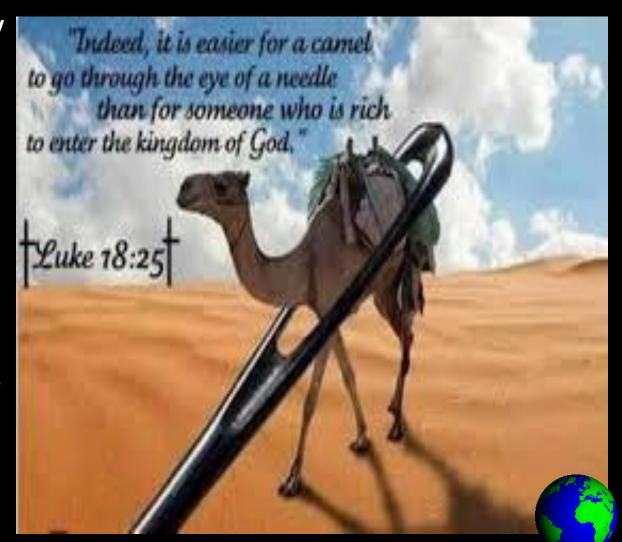
Jesus's teaching of "70 times 7" (or 77 times) to Peter was not a literal number but a call for unlimited, continuous forgiveness. Matthew 18:22



### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ecclesiastes 7. Eye of a Needle

In the Book of Ecclesiastes, repeatedly declares riches "vain" because wealth doesn't bring lasting satisfaction, can lead to anxiety, attracts dependents, and ultimately can't be taken into death Ecclesiastes 5:10

Jesus used the "eye of a needle" as a powerful metaphor to show it's extremely difficult, almost impossible, for the materialistic rich to enter Heaven, emphasizing that salvation requires total reliance on God's grace, not wealth, Matthew 19:23-26



### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ecclesiastes 8. Humility and Service

In the Book of Ecclesiastes, humility and service often contrasts worldly striving with true devotion, emphasizing that human effort "under the sun" is vanity. Ecclesiastes 1:3

Jesus, who taught, Whoever wants to become great among, must be a servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. Mark 10:43-44



### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ecclesiastes 9. Peacemakers

The Book of Ecclesiastes strongly promotes wisdom, patience, and gentle words to defuse conflict, especially with authority, as seen in Ecclesiastes 10:4

Jesus says in the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:9) that "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God," meaning those who actively work to create harmony, reconcile differences, and overcome conflict with love are blessed and recognized as belonging to God.



### 1 - Jesus in the book of Ecclesiastes 10. Let your light shine

Ecclesiastes 8:1 says a "man's wisdom maketh his face to shine," linking wisdom to brightness, and Ecclesiastes 11:7 calling light "sweet" and pleasant, all pointing to divine goodness within the life's fleeting nature.

Means living authentically and performing good deeds, and being a positive example for others to see. The ultimate purpose, is to bring glory to God. Matthew 5:16



### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ecclesiastes 1 - Life is a Gift, Not Gain

The "Preacher" introduces his book by describing the vanity of life and the dead ends on the road to "the good life." In doing so, he prepares us to learn that life is gift, not gain. Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

The sentiment that "life is a gift, not gain" is a key biblical principle, particularly in the New Testament, emphasizing God's unmerited favour (grace) over human achievement or earning salvation. Ephesians 2:8-9



### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ecclesiastes 2 - Busyness

Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26 explores the vanity of busyness and worldly pursuits (wisdom, pleasure, wealth, work), showing they offer no lasting satisfaction, only weariness and the realization that all is vanity (meaningless) without God.

The New Testament addresses busyness by contrasting it with purposeful living, often warning against being "busybodies" or distracted, with key verses like 2 Thessalonians 3:11



### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ecclesiastes 3 - Time and Other Matters Under Heaven

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22 is a profound exploration of time, purpose, and the human condition, suggesting that while everything on earth operates within God's specific, unchangeable timing, human beings struggle to fully grasp this divine order.

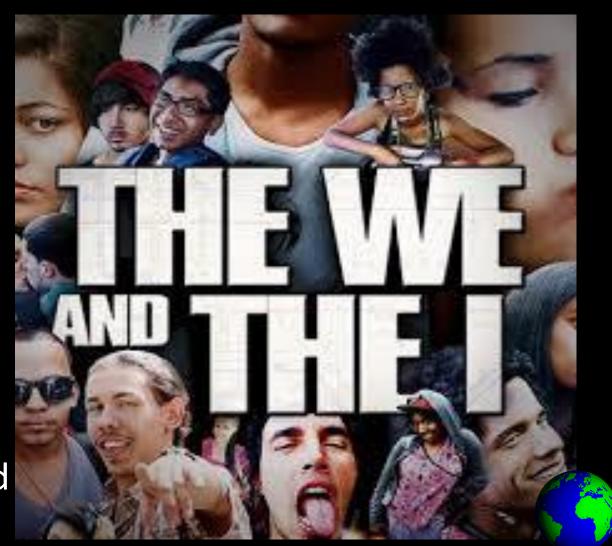
God the Father setting "times and seasons" for events by his own authority (1 Thessalonians 5:1-2; Acts 1:7). Believers are encouraged to trust God's timing and use their time wisely (James 4:13-15; Ephesians 5:15-17).



### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ecclesiastes 4 - The Difference Between We and I

Ecclesiastes 4:1-16 explores several facets of human existence, often contrasting collective experiences ("we") with individual striving ("I"), ultimately concluding that much of the toil and competition in the world is vanity (futility).

The shift between "I" (individual) and "we" (corporate body) in New Testament applications is intentional and highlights both personal faith and communal unity. Ephesians 2:18-19



### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ecclesiastes 5 - Worship Under the Sun

"Worship Under the Sun" in Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 refers to earthly, human-centered worship without God, highlighting the vanity of empty rituals, rash promises (vows), and religious show, contrasting it with true reverence, listening to God, and fulfilling commitments, emphasizing that genuine worship involves mindful presence and obedience, not just outward actions.

God condemns sun worship (Acts 7:42 mentions Israel turning to worship stars) and points to spiritual worship, with John 4:23 being key.



### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ecclesiastes 6 - Joy Under the Sun

"Joy Under the Sun" for Ecclesiastes 5:8-20 refers to finding simple, Godgiven contentment in daily life (eating, drinking, enjoying work) despite inherent oppression and injustice, realizing wealth can't fully satisfy, and accepting life's fleeting nature, all within the "under the sun" perspective of earthly existence, where true meaning comes from God, not possessions.

While the New Testament speaks more of spiritual, eternal joy - like the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23.



### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ecclesiastes 7 - Life Within Limits

"Life Within Limits" in Ecclesiastes 7:1-25, emphasizes that life has inherent boundaries which humans cannot control, primarily the limitation of death and the limitation of wisdom. The passage encourages living wisely, acknowledging these limits rather than ignoring them.

Several verses discuss the concept of human limitations in contrast to God's sovereignty, as well as the importance of operating within God-assigned boundaries or a specific "sphere of service". 2 Corinthians 10:13-15



### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ecclesiastes 8 - Coming to Grips with Uncertainty

"Coming to Grips with Uncertainty" in Ecclesiastes 8:14-9:18 highlights the message about life's unpredictability, injustice, and the inevitability of death, encouraging believers to find meaning by enjoying present blessings and trusting God's ultimate justice, realizing that no one controls their fate or the timing of death, yet finding hope in God's sovereignty amidst chaos.

Philippians 4:6–7: Encourages prayer with thanksgiving instead of anxiety, promising God's peace that surpasses understanding to guard hearts and minds.



### 2 - Remnant in the book of Ecclesiastes 9 - The Conclusion of the Matter

Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:14, often titled "The End of the Matter," encourages enjoying youthful light and life's pleasures but warns they are fleeting ("vanity") and urges remembering God before old age brings physical decline and the final Judgement of God.

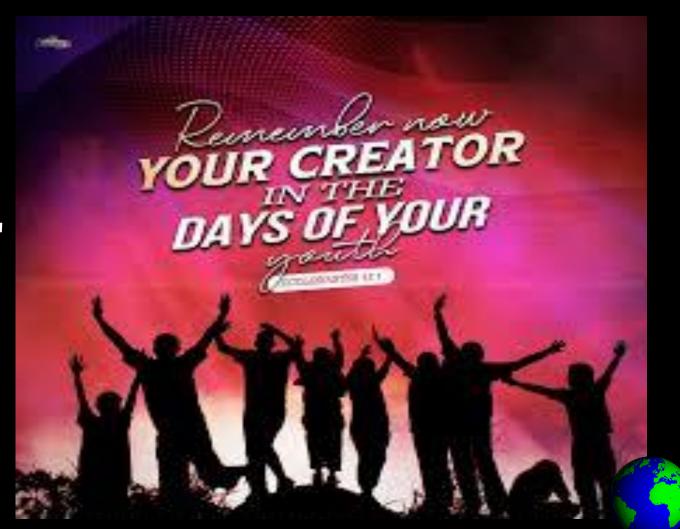
2 Corinthians 5:10, where believers receive rewards or consequences for deeds done in the body, and Revelation 20:12, describing the dead judged by their written works.



### 2 - Remnant in the Ecclesiastes 12 1 - Remember Your Creator in Your Youth

Life is fleeting, and the vigour of youth is a gift that should be cherished and directed towards honouring God. Ecclesiastes 12:1 reminds us, "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of adversity come."

This is a call to prioritize our relationship with God early on, setting a foundation that will guide us through life's challenges. By focusing on God from a young age, we build a life that reflects His love and wisdom.



### 2 - Remnant in the Ecclesiastes 12 2. The Inevitability of Aging

Aging is a natural part of life, and Ecclesiastes 12:2-5 poetically describes the process, likening it to the dimming of the sun and the trembling of strong men.

These verses remind us that physical strength and beauty are temporary.

Embrace each stage of life with gratitude, knowing that our true worth is found in our relationship with God, not in our physical attributes.



### 2 - Remnant in the Ecclesiastes 12 3. The Fragility of Life

Life is precious and fragile, as Ecclesiastes 12:6-7 illustrates with imagery of a silver cord snapping and a golden bowl breaking.

These metaphors highlight the transient nature of our earthly existence.

"Then the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it." This perspective encourages us to live purposefully, valuing each moment as a gift from God.



### 2 - Remnant in the Ecclesiastes 12 4. The Futility of Earthly Pursuits

Ecclesiastes 12:8 declares,
"Futility of futilities, says the
Teacher. Everything is futile!" This
stark reminder calls us to evaluate
our pursuits and priorities.

While earthly achievements and possessions can be enjoyable, they are ultimately fleeting. True fulfilment comes from seeking God's kingdom and His righteousness, which have eternal significance.





### 2 - Remnant in the Ecclesiastes 12 5. The Importance of Wisdom

Wisdom is a recurring theme in Ecclesiastes 12:11, "The words of the wise are like goads, and the anthologies of the masters are like firmly embedded nails given by one Shepherd."

Wisdom guides us, providing stability and direction in a world full of uncertainties.

Seek wisdom through Scripture and godly counsel to navigate life's complexities.



#### 2 - Remnant in the Ecclesiastes 12 6. The Role of the Teacher

The Preacher, in Ecclesiastes serves as a guide, sharing insights and reflections on life. Ecclesiastes 12:9-10 highlights the Teacher's dedication to imparting knowledge and truth.

This reminds us of the importance of learning from the examples of the Bible, valuing the lessons they share, and applying them to our own lives.

A teacher is a person who will have to fill many roles. They are people with educational leadership skills and they must continue to grow and develop as professionals. Anyone seeking to be a teacher should take advantage of any chance they get to grow as a person and as a teacher.

- 1. Resource
- 2. Support
- 3. Mentor
- 4. Helping hand
- 5. Learner

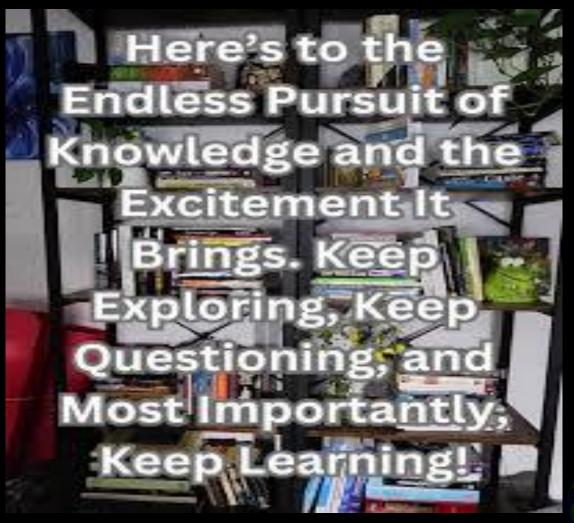




### 2 - Remnant in the Ecclesiastes 12 7. The Endless Pursuit of Knowledge

While knowledge is valuable, Ecclesiastes 12:12 warns, "Be warned, my son, of anything in addition to them. Of making many books there is no end, and much study wearies the body."

This verse cautions against the endless pursuit of knowledge for its own sake. Instead, focus on understanding and applying God's Word, which provides the ultimate wisdom and guidance.





#### 2 - Remnant in the Ecclesiastes 12 8. The Fear of God

Ecclesiastes 12:13 sums up the essence of life: "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."

Reverence for God and obedience to His commandments are foundational to a meaningful life. This fear is not about being afraid, but about having a deep respect and awe for our Creator, leading us to live in alignment with His will.



### 2 - Remnant in the Ecclesiastes 12 9. Accountability Before God

Ecclesiastes 12:14 concludes the chapter with a sobering reminder: "For God will bring every deed into judgment, along with every hidden thing, whether good or evil."

This underscores the reality of divine accountability. Our actions, both seen and unseen, matter to God. Live with integrity, knowing that we will one day give an account to our Creator.

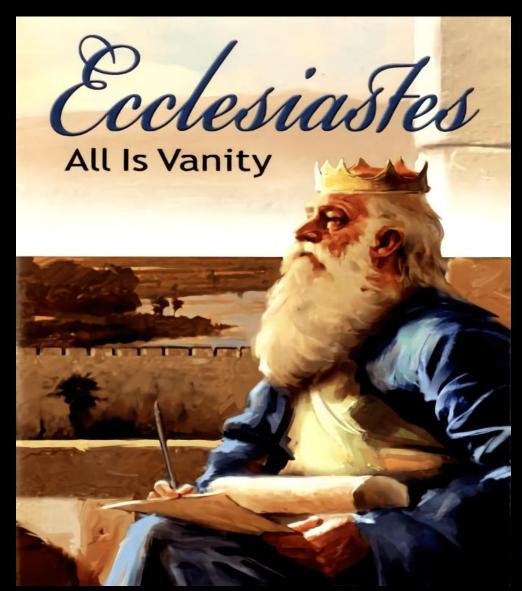


#### 3 - Lessons from the Book of Ecclesiastes

"All is Vanity" (Hevel): Earthly pursuits, wisdom, pleasure, and riches don't bring lasting satisfaction; they are fleeting, like chasing the wind.

God's Sovereignty & Timing: Life has seasons (birth/death, planting/harvest), and God orchestrates events for a purpose, even amidst chaos.

Enjoy God's Gifts: Find joy in simple blessings (food, work, relationships) as gifts from God, trusting Him in uncertainty.





#### 3 - Lessons from the Book of Ecclesiastes

Fear God & Keep His Commandments:

The ultimate duty and wisdom is to honor God and live righteously, preparing for His judgment.

Hope in Eternity & Christ: Despite present inequalities and trials, God will judge fairly; Ecclesiastes points towards eternal life and even hints at Jesus, the "one Shepherd" (Ecclesiastes 12:11).

Purpose in the Mundane: Even repetitive tasks have purpose, and finding meaning requires a shift from worldly striving to divine perspective.



#### Conclusion

<u>Sabbath & Creation</u>: The cyclical nature of creation in Ecclesiastes (sun, wind, water) ties into remembering God the Creator.

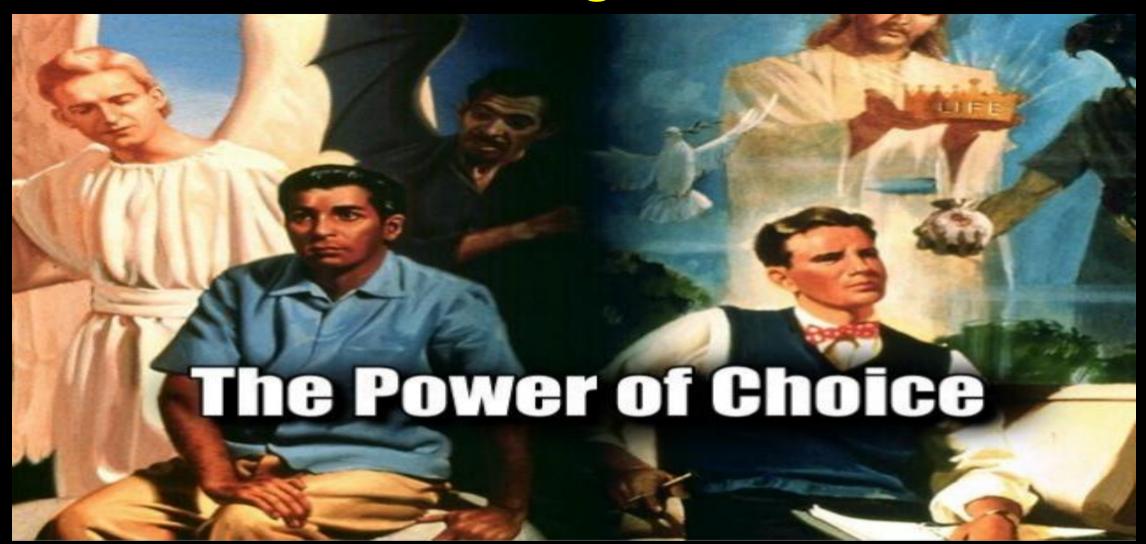
The Final Judgment: The book's emphasis on God's coming judgment resonates with Biblical eschatology, emphasizing accountability.

Holistic Living: It provides a framework for Christian living in a fallen world, balancing present duties with future hope, aligning with a balanced Christian life.

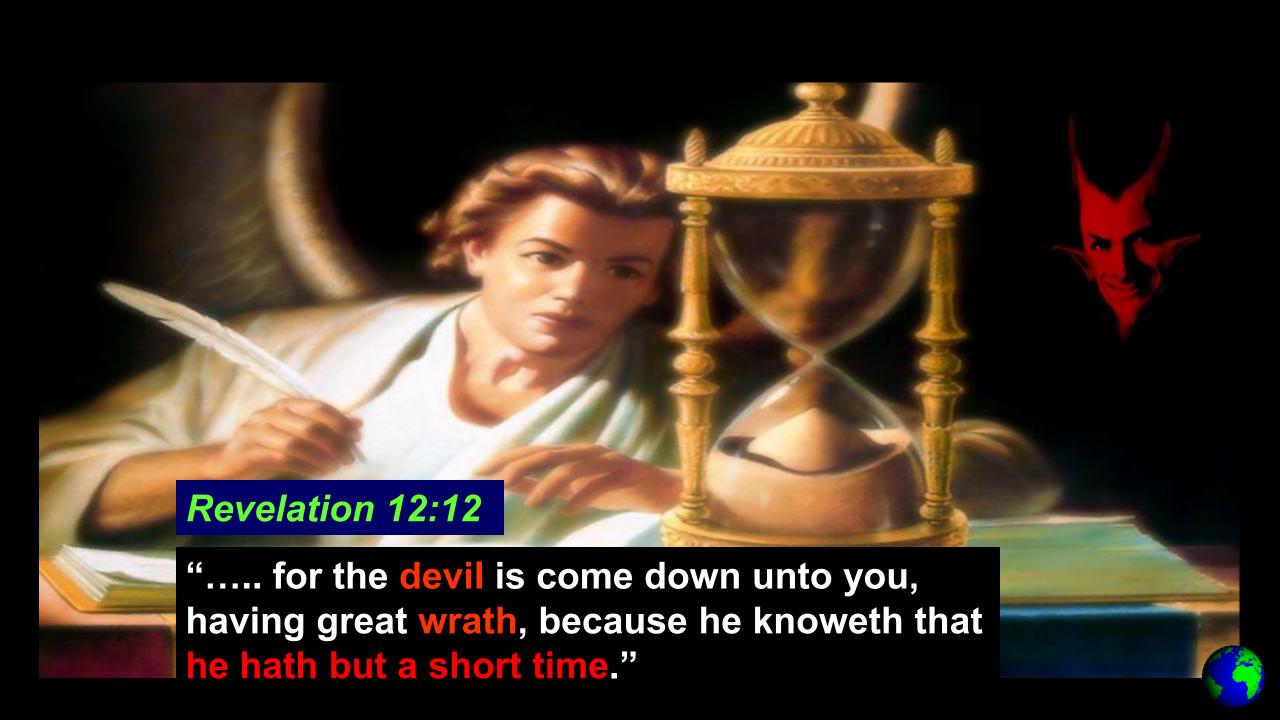
Ecclesiastes encourages us to live with an eternal perspective, recognizing that our time on earth is temporary. By focusing on our relationship with God and aligning our lives with His purposes, we find true meaning and fulfilment. Let this inspire us to live each day with purpose, joy, and a heart set on eternity.



# God has given all:







## Enter The Ark of Hope

- 1. Diet
- 2. Discipline
- 3. Decalogue

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

- John 10:16

The Ark of the Covenant





Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. -Revelation 3:20





