



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

When's the last time you read through the book of Ecclesiastes? Maybe you haven't. You need to. It was written by Solomon, David's son. Solomon was given wisdom by God like no other man on earth was given (I Kings 3:10-13).

What is the book about? A vivid, realistic look at the life of man. Solomon explored life according to the wisdom God gave him. His search took him to looking into the meaning of life. With all the great wisdom he possessed he still could not find life's meaning just by living life. One thing that seems to be an over-all theme is the *"futility of life."* Futile means meaningless and empty of results. In other words, there can be no real meaning of life within the realm of man.

Solomon discovered life was not fair, yet in his search, he did find things beneficial. He realized some things were better than others even though they did not provide the ultimate meaning in life. He realized God gave us things to enjoy but there is no real fulfillment in pleasures or things.

In the end, Solomon realized there is something beyond our existence and this universe. This reality is greater and more important than man. While many others go through life seeking for happiness and it's real meaning, Solomon, after following all the avenues of futility, came to this one conclusion about life: ***"The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil."*** (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)

Right there one finds the meaning to our lives. Too many are running and listening to every medical information, every news cast, every documentary, every human socialization expert and allowing man's world to shape their thinking and values. If we are going to God, which we are, where should our attention and focus be? The fear of the Lord will have a good result in this life and the life beyond. That's reality! That's life! Think about it!!!

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