

The Emptiness of Life

Ecclesiastes

Intro: the relevancy of the book of Ecclesiastes

I. The author of the book: King Solomon

A. Ecclesiastes 1:1

B. 1 Kings 11:1-10

II. The characteristics of the book

A. It is very negative

B. It is the opposite message of the Psalms

C. It is primarily natural revelation

III. The theme: the futility of life apart from God

-Ecclesiastes 1:2-3

IV. Some specific areas of futility

A. Wisdom and knowledge 1:14-18

B. Pleasure 2:1-3

C. Things, possessions, and accomplishments 2:4-10

V. The key summary statements of the book

A. 2:24, 3:12-13, 3:22, 5:18-19, 8:15

B. Life has meaning & purpose when you're right w/ God

VI. The conclusion of the matter - 12:1, 12:13

- John 10:10 b