

**August 19, 2018 SERMON NOTES**  
**SERIES: Wisdom from King Solomon**  
**Mere Vapor**  
***Ecclesiastes 1:1-11***

**I. The futility of life.**

*<sup>1</sup> The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> “Vanity of vanities,” says the Preacher, “Vanity of vanities! All is vanity.” <sup>3</sup> What advantage does man have in all his work which he does under the sun?*

*<sup>4</sup> A generation goes and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. <sup>5</sup> Also, the sun rises and the sun sets; and hastening to its place it rises there again. <sup>6</sup> Blowing toward the south, then turning toward the north, the wind continues swirling along; and on its circular courses the wind returns. <sup>7</sup> All the rivers flow into the sea, yet the sea is not full. To the place where the rivers flow, there they flow again.*

*<sup>8</sup> All things are wearisome; man is not able to tell it. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor is the ear filled with hearing. <sup>9</sup> That which has been is that which will be, and that which has been done is that which will be done. So there is nothing new under the sun. <sup>10</sup> Is there anything of which one might say, “See this, it is new”? Already it has existed for ages which were before us.*

*<sup>11</sup> There is no remembrance of earlier things; and also of the later things which will occur, there will be for them no remembrance Among those who will come later still.*

A. \_\_\_\_\_: a man of God given wisdom.

B. Solomon compares nature to a \_\_\_\_\_.

C. What is our take away?

1. Apart from God life is \_\_\_\_\_ – no profit in the end.
2. Our primary focus should be on the \_\_\_\_\_ not the temporal.
3. We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ towards God.