Key Question:
1:3— What advantage does man have in all his work which he does under the sun?

Key Word:
(hebel)—vanity, vapor

- Transitory
- Absurd
- Unsatisfying

In Ecclesiastes 2:11 hebel is parallel with two phrases:
“striving after wind”
“there was no profit under the sun”
Ecclesiastes 5-6

A. The Futility of Vow-Making (5:1-7)

B. The Futility of Government (5:8-9)

C. The Futility of Acquiring Wealth (5:10-6:9)
   1. Wealth Fails to Satisfy (5:10-12)
   2. A Bad Thing I Have Seen:
      a miser who loses everything (5:13-17)
   3. A Good Thing I Have Seen:
      a man whom God gives joy (5:18-20)
   4. A Bad Thing I Have Seen:
      a rich man who cannot enjoy (6:1-6)
   5. Wealth Fails to Satisfy (6:7-9)

D. The Futility of Disputing with God (6:10-12)