

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)