

A Key Question:

“What advantage does man have in all his work which he does under the sun?” (1:3)

A Key Word:

*hebel*—breath, vapor

“unsatisfying”

### The Two Themes of Ecclesiastes

-The Futility of All Human Activity

-The Secret to Joy

## ECCLESIASTES 9-10

- A. The Futility of Seeking to Understand Life (8:16-9:1)
- B. The Futility of Living Under the Certainty of Death (9:2-9:6)
- C. Enjoy life! (9:7-10)
- D. The Futility of Seeking Advantage Through Skill (9:11-12)
- E. The Futility of Wisdom (9:13-10:11)
  - 1. Wisdom Succeeds, But Then Is Forgotten (9:13-10:1)
    - a. A Story (9:13-16)
    - b. The Lesson of the Story (9:17-10:1)
  - 2. Wisdom Is Often Unrewarded (10:2-11)
    - a. By Kings (10:2-7)
    - b. By Chance (10:8-11)
- F. The Futility of Multiplying Words (10:12-15)
- G. Submit to Authority! (10:16-20)