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)