

Strong Tower Bible Study

Agenda

Lesson #23

Time 6:00pm -7:30pm

Topic: The way to Avoid an empty Life

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Scripture text: Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

Pleasures Are Meaningless

I said to myself, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good.” But that also proved to be meaningless. 2 “Laughter,” I said, “is madness. And what does pleasure accomplish?” 3 I tried cheering myself with wine, and embracing folly—my mind still guiding me with wisdom. I wanted to see what was good for people to do under the heavens during the few days of their lives.

4 I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards. 5 I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them. 6 I made reservoirs to water groves of flourishing trees. 7 I bought male and female slaves and had other slaves who were born in my house. I also owned more herds and flocks than anyone in Jerusalem before me. 8 I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I acquired male and female singers, and a harem as well—the delights of a man’s heart. 9 I became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before me. In all this my wisdom stayed with me.

10 I denied myself nothing my eyes desired;

I refused my heart no pleasure.

My heart took delight in all my labor,

and this was the reward for all my toil.

11 Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done

and what I had toiled to achieve,

everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind;

nothing was gained under the sun.

Things to know:

-God created mankind with an eternal yearning-one that only He can fill

-We cannot be fulfilled until we draw near to the Lord in repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

-As we come to know and comprehend the Love of Jesus Christ, we will fill up to all the fullness of God-Ephesians 3:14-19

Discussion Questions

1. Do you see any shyness in king Solomons speech?
2. What did Solomon try in vs 3-4? Why?
3. What were some of the things Solomon bought with his wealth? Vs 4-7
4. What would you buy? Why?
5. What else did Solomon purchase? Vs 8

6. What earthly position did Solomon place himself in? Vs 9 What remained intact, why do you believe this was possible?
7. How did Solomon reward himself? Vs 10
8. What was Solomon's final assessment? Vs 11
9. What is your final assessment?

Faith in Action:

- Ponder on what you learned in Bible Study-Share it with someone
- Pray with a relative this week
- Tell a young person that God loves them and has plans for their good, offer to pray with them

Challenge of the Week:

Read a Psalm & Go to bed early-Leave the chores behind

Or

Invite a someone to Bible Study with you and send them the link.

Scripture Application

2 Corinthians 4:16-How can this scripture provide us with encouragement?

Philippians 4:19-How can we remain grateful?

Nehemiah 8:10-Does our joy depend on our circumstances? Why or why not?

Closing Prayer