

## Ecclesiastes 2:12-26

- **Solomon's Thorough Search for Wisdom** - Nothing more can be a \_\_\_\_\_ by future kings (note verse 12 in context of 1:12-2:26).
- **Superiority of Wisdom**
  1. This will be an o \_\_\_\_\_ theme throughout the b \_\_\_\_\_: wisdom in this life has l \_\_\_\_\_ but it beats the a \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 13-14).
  2. Why does the author of the book bring up the contrast between light and darkness in this context?
- **Limitation of Wisdom**
  1. The wise still d \_\_\_\_\_ and are then f \_\_\_\_\_ just like the fool (Ecclesiastes 2:15-16 - but only "under the sun" - note eternal remembrance of the righteous in Psalm 112:6)
  2. Was "hating" life (verse 17) and labor (verse 18) a godly response from our author? Why or why not?
- **Vanity of Toil**
  1. Why does our author see toil under the sun as vanity?
  2. Note how this applies to S \_\_\_\_\_ and to R \_\_\_\_\_ (I Kings 14:25-27).
  3. Is this worth losing a night's sleep (verse 23)?
- **Three Important Conclusions**
  1. P \_\_\_\_\_ God brings true p \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Those who first rejoice in God's p \_\_\_\_\_ can also rejoice in His p \_\_\_\_\_ under the sun.
  3. L \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord is not in v \_\_\_\_\_ (I Corinthians 15:58).
- **Jesus and Ecclesiastes 2:12-26**
  1. Jesus will never f \_\_\_\_\_ or f \_\_\_\_\_ His people (Matthew 25:34, Luke 23:42-43).
  2. Jesus, the l \_\_\_\_\_ of the w \_\_\_\_\_, calls us to walk in the light (John 8:12).
  3. No one can u \_\_\_\_\_ His work (John 17:3-5, Romans 8:38-39).
  4. Jesus is the only man who always p \_\_\_\_\_ God c \_\_\_\_\_ while under the sun (Matthew 3:17, Matthew 17:5).