

קְהָלָת "one who speaks in an assembly" from קָהַל "to assemble" in the LXX - Εκκλησιαστού

How can you be disillusioned? By at first having an "illusion" you thought was a reality. This happens with many aspects of life: romance, friendship, accomplishments, health/fitness, etc.

הַבֵּל הַבָּלִים
Vanity of vanities - breath of breaths, vapor of vapors, used also as a term for idols

Use of double word for the superlative
 1. Servant of servants (Gen.9:25)
 2. Holy of holies (Ex.26:33)
 3. Lord of lords (Deut. 10:17)
 4. Song of songs (S.S. 1:1)
 5. God of gods (Dan.2:47)
 6. King of kings (1 Tim. 6:15)

"I Can't Get No Satisfaction"

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

All Things Are:

What Advantage Does Man Have ?

Empty & Temporary

The advantage is found only on the other side of the grave.

Circular & Repetitive

A person works about 200,000 hours in a lifetime. So what? What do you have to show for it?

Boring & Soon Forgotten

The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. **VANITY**

"Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity."

2 What advantage does man have in all his work which he does under the sun? **CIRCULAR**

1. A **generation** goes and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. Also, **It's a "Ground Hog" life**
2. the **sun** rises and the sun sets; and hastening to its place it rises there *again*.
3. the **wind** blowing toward the south, then turning toward the north, continues swirling along; and on its circular courses the wind returns.
4. All the **rivers** flow into the sea, yet the sea is not full. To the place where the rivers flow, there they flow again.

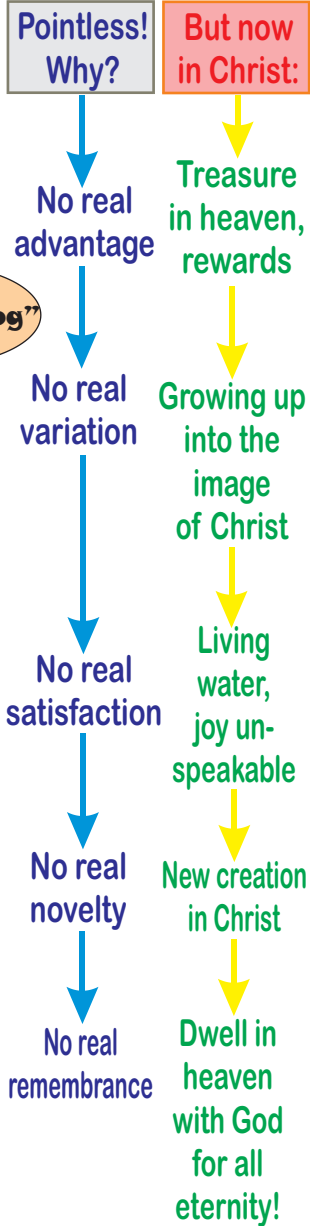
7 All things are wearisome; man is not able to tell *it*. **WEARISOME**

- a) The eye is not satisfied with seeing,
- b) nor is the ear filled with hearing.
- c) That which has been is that which will be, and
- d) that which has been done is that which will be done.

So, there is nothing new under the sun.

- (1) Is there anything of which one might say, "See this, it is new " ? Already it has existed for ages which were before us.
- (2) There is no remembrance of earlier things; and also
- (3) of the later things which will occur, there will be for them no remembrance among those who will come later *still*.

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Song from the 1960's
 How many roads must a man walk down before you call him a man... The answer my friend is blowin in the wind.

Like the man in Dantes Inferno who rolls the stone up a hill only to have it roll down again.

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What's the point of being busy and working if you can't accomplish anything of lasting significance? Who would spend their life at the beach building sand castles that get washed away totally at the end of every single day?

Nothing new? God then says, "Behold, I will do something new!" Fulfilled in 2 Cor. 5:17

Key terms
 preacher
 vanity
 advantage

Life "under the sun can please you, but never really satisfy you. Why does it matter? Your deepest and strongest motivation is linked to purpose, not pleasure. Purpose strengthens and ennobles you. It is part of the image of God and "deep calls unto deep."

Missing from the book
 - any Biblical figure besides David (e.g. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, etc.)
 - any quote from the Bible
 - any prayer of real praise
 - any intimacy with God
 - any messianic prophecy
 - proper names (except David) of family and/or friends