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Topic: **Vanity of Vanities, All is Vanity**

Scripture Text: Eccl. 1:1-11

1. The writer of the book of Ecclesiastes is king Solomon. He had power, women, riches and fame but still he ended up saying all things on earth are vanity.

2. The word vanity means chasing after the wind. When we live our lives without God, we will never fully get hold of life as we never can catch and possess the wind. The things of the world can never satisfy us. There is nothing new under the sun that can satisfy us.

3. At the end of this life, all men will end up the same whether rich or poor, educated or uneducated, which is death. No matter how men try to prolong their lives, they can never escape death. And death is no respecter of person. People die of all ages. No one can be certain when death will knock at our door but we know it will come one day, sooner or later.

4. The reason for man's folly and madness to chase after the wind is because of sin. They reject God and His Word in their lives. They are proud and arrogant to think they are wiser than God but in the end, it is only emptiness and eternal condemnation in hell. No amount of riches can save a man from sin and hell.

5. Man can never find his way to heaven and his good works cannot bring him there because he is a sinner and fall short of God's glory. Only God can reach down to save man. God came to this world in the person of Jesus Christ. He lived a perfect life and then died on the cross for the sins of men. Jesus Christ became the substitute for sinful men to die for them. He is the only Redeemer to save man from their sin and condemnation to give them eternal life in heaven.

6. This is God's amazing and divine love for man. Today we must come humbly in true repentance and faith to trust and believe in The Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord.