

Topic: Studies of Ecclesiastes: Vain Possessions!

Scripture text: Ecclesiastes 2: 18-26

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1. Many people in Singapore are devoted to materialism and possessions. "Moneytheism" is the religion here. Often people will say "Money not enough". King Solomon had great possessions but in the end he said it is all vanity.
2. Solomon examined all his labours done under the sun and it is sore travail. Solomon worked so hard to gain so many possessions but when he dies one day, all these possessions have to be given away and there is no guarantee that his children will not squander them away.
3. Despite knowing all his possessions are only temporary, yet Solomon still continued to pursue after them. This brings more sorrow and vexation of heart to him. His life focus was on his possessions and it was all vanity. Solomon regretted it towards the end of his life when he wrote the book of Ecclesiastes.
4. The Bible teaches us to be good stewards of the possessions that God gives us. We must use the possessions for the Lord and His glory. We must know God is in control of everything. He can give and He can take it away.
5. Matt 6:19-34 and 1 Tim 6:5-9 teach us the same truth to lay up treasures only in heaven and that no man can serve 2 masters. The Christian life is godliness with contentment is great gain.