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Topic: Studies in Ecclesiastes: Vain Pleasures!

Scripture text: Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

1. In chapter 1, we learn the vain endeavours and vain achievements that king Solomon tried under the sun. In chapter 2, he tried vain pleasures. Solomon did all these sinful acts in his backsliden state and only repented towards the end of his life when he wrote the book of Ecclesiastes.

2. Man is naturally a pleasure-seeking creature. We see it in the past and today where men will love to party, drink, eat and engage in pleasure seeking places such as casino, pubs, brothels etc. There are other pleasures that men love such as internet games and sports.

3. Solomon wrote that the pursue after worldly pleasures start from the heart. One can be in church but the heart has already gone after the world. We can be deceived to think those who enjoy the pleasures of this world are happy people. In the end, it is vanity of vanities.

4. Solomon tired enjoyment in mirth, wine, building of houses and vineyards, having servants to serve him and wanting anything that pleases his eyes but his conclusion is all these pleasures are empty rejoicing. It brings him vexation of spirit.

5. Christians must follow the biblical teaching of pleasures that we do not engage in any form of sinful pleasures. All pleasures that we enjoy must glorify God and our true joy and pleasure must always be in our Lord Jesus Christ.