

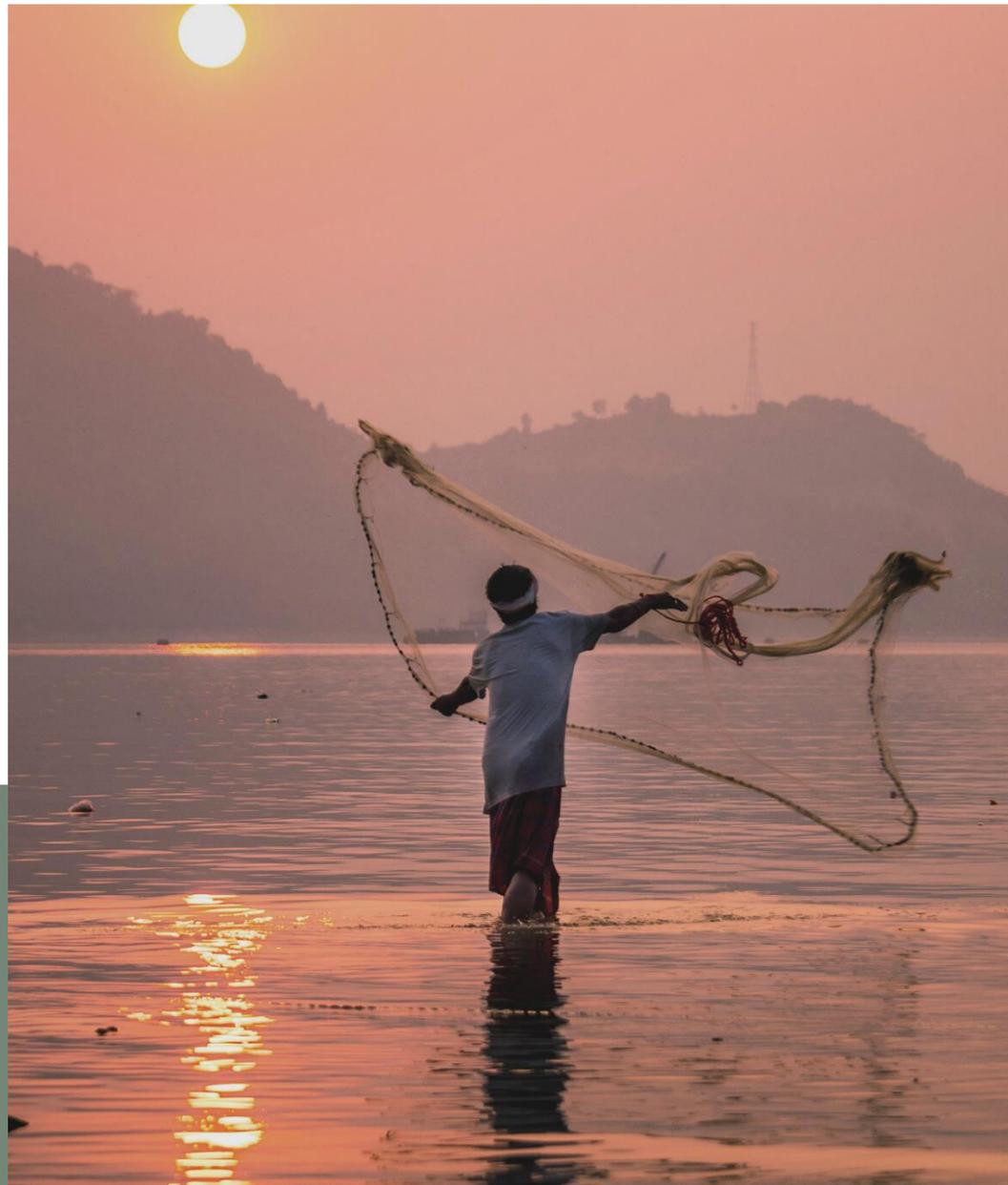
Reading Ecclesiastes

Vanity of Vanities?

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10. REMEMBER JUDGMENT (11.1-12.8)



Ecc1 11.1–6

3 APPROACHES TO UNCERTAINTY

RELIANCE ON GOD

The “Bread” of Generosity & Work of God

RELIANCE ON MARKETS

The “Bread” of Investment and Hard Work

RELIANCE ON VANITY

Why Cast Bread on Water? You don't know.

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PLANNING YOUR FUTURE:

What do you do, if you don't know what comes next?

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SWEET LIGHT (11.7-8)

Light (Eccl 2.13-14)

Goodness (Psa 34.8; 108.2-3)

Shift*



REJOICE... BUT (11.9-10)

How do we balance this shift compared to the former ones?



“Enjoyment of life is the lot of humanity and the gift of God, humans are supposed to enjoy life because that’s their portion and God calls one into account for failure to enjoy. The Talmud notes: “Everyone must give an account before God of all good things one saw in life and did not enjoy. For [The Preacher], enjoyment is not only permitted, it is commanded; it is not only an opportunity, but a divine imperative”
-Choon-Leong Seow



Remember your Creator

ECCLESIASTES 12.1

(cf. Genesis 1)



Rejoicing, Remembering *(12.1–7)*

THE LAST WORDS

The last section written by the Preacher before the compiler speaks.

WHAT IS THE METAPHOR?

Body or house? Literal, symbolic, or allegory?

CREATOR AND CREATION

Light and darkness, dust to dust (cf. Gen 2.7; Eccl 3.20–22)



THE PREACHER'S CONCLUSION?

Dust to Dust?

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READ

Ecclesiastes 12.9–14



QUESTIONS

- 1) How does the “Epilogue” change how we read?
- 2) Does the “End of the Matter” answer all of our questions?
- 3) How should the resurrection transform our thoughts?



Next Class

11. READING WITH JESUS (12.9-14)