

# Ecclesiastes

## 3 – Satisfaction is Not in Knowledge

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**Ecclesiastes 1:1** The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. **2** Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all *is* vanity.

**Ecclesiastes 1:12** I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem. **13** And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all *things* that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith. **14** I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit. **15** *That which is* crooked cannot be made straight: and that which is wanting cannot be numbered. **16** I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all *they* that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge. **17** And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit. **18** For in much wisdom *is* much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

**Genesis 12:2** And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

**1 Kings 3:13** And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

**Proverbs 1:1** The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; **2** To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; **3** To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; **4** To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. **5** A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: **6** To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. **7** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**1 Kings 3:11** And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for

thyself understanding to discern judgment; **12** Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

**1 Kings 4:31** For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about. **32** And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five. **33** And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that *is* in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes. **34** And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

**1 Kings 11:1** But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, *and* Hittites; **2** Of the nations *concerning* which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: *for* surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. **3** And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. **4** For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, *that* his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of David his father. **5** For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. **6** And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as *did* David his father. **7** Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that *is* before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. **8** And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. **9** And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, **10** And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.