

WHAT IS VANITY?

- This word is found most frequently in Ecclesiastes.
- Something that has no value or is empty; literally, a breath (Jer. 10:15; Job 7:16; Deut. 32:21).
- Life in general is vanity (Ecc. 1:3-11).
- There is no purpose found in education (Ecc. 1:16-18).
- It is not found in pleasure (Ecc. 2:1-3).
- Accomplishments do not satisfy (Ecc. 2:11).
- On top of all of this, life is brief and the time to enjoy it is even briefer (Ecc. 12:1-8).

THE SOLUTION

- It is not until the end that we find the only thing that contains no vanity (Ecc. 12:13-14).
- He is the reason we can enjoy otherwise vain activity (Ecc. 2:24-25; 3:12-13; 5:18; 9:7-10; 1 Tim. 6:6).
- He gives us a different perspective on the chaos of life (Ecc. 3:1-11).
- He keeps us from so many pitfalls that are natural to life under the sun (Ecc. 11:9-10).