



AN UNHAPPY BUSINESS

Ecclesiastes 1:13

THE WORLD IS BROKEN

- Things aren't "getting bad," they've been crooked since Genesis 3 (Ecc. 1:3).
- We will become very frustrated by the thought that "it doesn't have to be this way" (Ecc. 8:16-17).
- Solomon, who was more capable of making big changes than any of us ever will, felt helpless at what he saw (Ecc. 4:1).
- Solomon should crush the "vision of the anointed" (Ecc. 1:16-18).
- Don't be shocked by finding that the world is a mess (Ecc. 5:8).
- Our own life is broken (Ecc. 2:4-11).



GOD IS OUR ONLY HOPE

- He is the answer to the question that Solomon is asking throughout this book (Ecc. 1:15).
- When we see this world as broken, then every gift is savored with more gratitude (Ecc. 2:24).
- We are freed from burdens that we are not capable of bearing (Ecc. 3:12-13; 12:13).
- If frees us from worrying about every little thing that people say (Ecc. 7:21-22).
- He is even capable of bringing beauty out of the mess that we see all around us (Ecc. 3:1-11; Rom. 8:28).

