

**“LIVE JOYFULLY WITH THE
WIFE WHOM YOU LOVE”**

Ecc 9:9



ECCLESIASTICS

- ❖ Written by Solomon the most wise
- ❖ Ecclesiastics: (from “ecclesia”: church / congregation)
- ❖ King Solomon
 - ❖ In his Youth, humble, busy with god: Proverbs
 - ❖ Got deeper with God: Song of Songs.
 - ❖ Married gentile women, worshiped idols then repented: Ecclesiastics
- ❖ The Book
 - ❖ Book of his repentance (don't waste your time)
 - ❖ Solomon had knowledge and wisdom
 - ❖ Read periodically, especially if having a problem
 - ❖ Some say it is a book that leads to disappointment



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- ❖ This book is a question in a verse, answer in the last two verses, reaching this answer in 12 chapters.

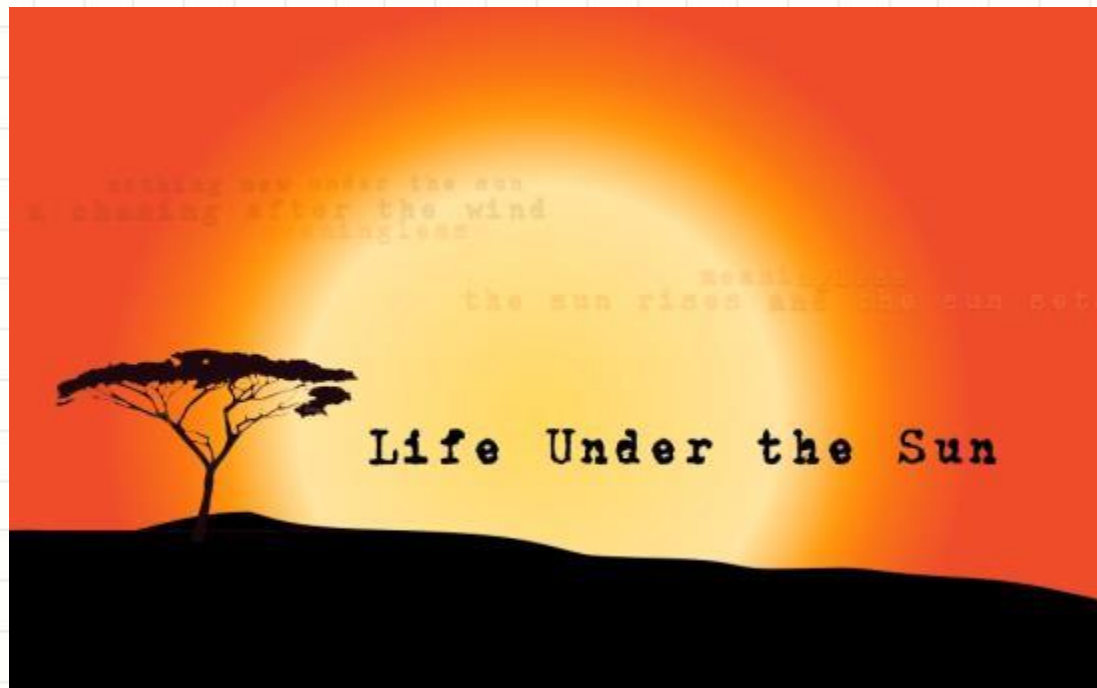
Question: “What profit has a man from all his labor In which he toils under the sun?” Ecc 1: 3

Answer: “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.” Ecc. 12: 13-14



THE BIBLICAL TEXT

Ecc 9: 7-9 *“Go, eat your bread with joy, And drink your wine with a merry heart; For God has already accepted your works. Let your garments always be white, And let your head lack no oil. **Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days** of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that is your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun...”*



1- GOD IS THE SOURCE OF JOY

- ❖ This idea may apply to one's relationship with God
- ❖ Ecc 5: 18-19 *"...It is good and fitting for one to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for it is his heritage. As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor—this is the gift of God."*



1- GOD IS THE SOURCE OF JOY

- ❖ Going to the extreme of not being happy about anything in life is not Christian
- ❖ Normal happy life is a gift from God
- ❖ The problem is not in the gift but in its use
 - ❖ Gluttony not food
 - ❖ Greed not money
 - ❖ Lust not marriage
- ❖ God sometimes deprives us from a happy and easy life to keep us from drifting away



2- MAN IS DESIGNED TO SHARE

- ❖ Man's joy is incomplete without sharing with someone else
- ❖ It was not good for Adam to be by himself
- ❖ Think about a kid who is keen to share the good news with his parents (this is the real joy for him)



3- TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE

Ecc 4: 9-12 "Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion.....Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him."

- ❖ Christ, husband and wife form a complete picture of a Christian marriage
- ❖ Applies to other aspects of life but perfect in marriage



4- GOD TAKES IT PERSONAL

Mal 2: 14-15 "Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because the Lord has been witness Between you and the wife of your youth, With whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion And your wife by covenant. But did He not make them one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth."

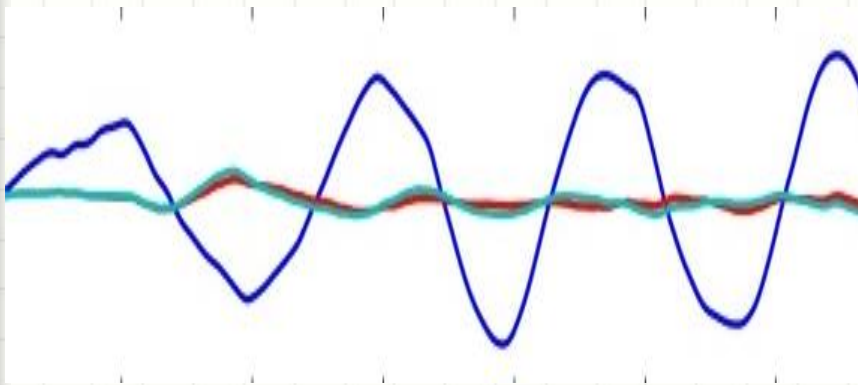
- ❖ He / she is God's gift to you
- ❖ Marriage is commitment
- ❖ He is you father in law

A REAL MAN
never hurts a woman.
Be very careful when
you make a woman cry,
because God counts her tears.

THE WOMAN
came out of a man's rib,
NOT from his feet to be walked on,
and NOT from his head to be superior,
but from his side to be equal.
Under the arm to be protected,
and next to the HEART to be loved.

5- TRUE LOVE IS THE BASIS

- ❖ Love has so many distorted meanings
- ❖ Many thinks of it as talk and emotions, which are very low in the rank of love definitions
- ❖ Commitment vs. emotions
- ❖ How about before marriage? Did you experience true Christian love?
 - ❖ Church
 - ❖ Service
 - ❖ Poor and needy
 - ❖ The other in general



5- TRUE LOVE IS THE BASIS

- ❖ Unfortunately lack of love can be hidden before marriage but not after
- ❖ Some aspects of Christian Love
 - ❖ Does not seek its own
 - ❖ Suffers long and is kind
 - ❖ Does not behave rudely
 - ❖ Is not provoked
 - ❖ bears all things

LOVE is patient.
is kind. ♥
IT DOES NOT ENVY. IT DOES NOT BOAST.
IT DOES NOT **DISHONOR** OTHERS
IT IS NOT { SELF-SEEKING IT KEEPS NO
EASILY ANGERED RECORD OF WRONGS
LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL
BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH
[IT] **ALWAYS** { PROTECTS
TRUSTS
HOPES
PERSEVERES
LOVE. NEVER. FAILS.
1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

6- HOME FIRST

1 Timothy 5: 8 *“But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”*



The true hypocrite is the one who ceases to perceive his deception, the one who lies with sincerity.

(Andre Gide)

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7- THANKSGIVING / PRAYER

Ecc 7:14 "In the day of prosperity be joyful, But in the day of adversity consider: Surely God has appointed the one as well as the other, So that man can find out nothing that will come after him."



8- TURNING TRIALS TO CREDIT

- ❖ A marriage that overcame life
- ❖ Heaven-focused
- ❖ Aimed at continuing in love eternally

