



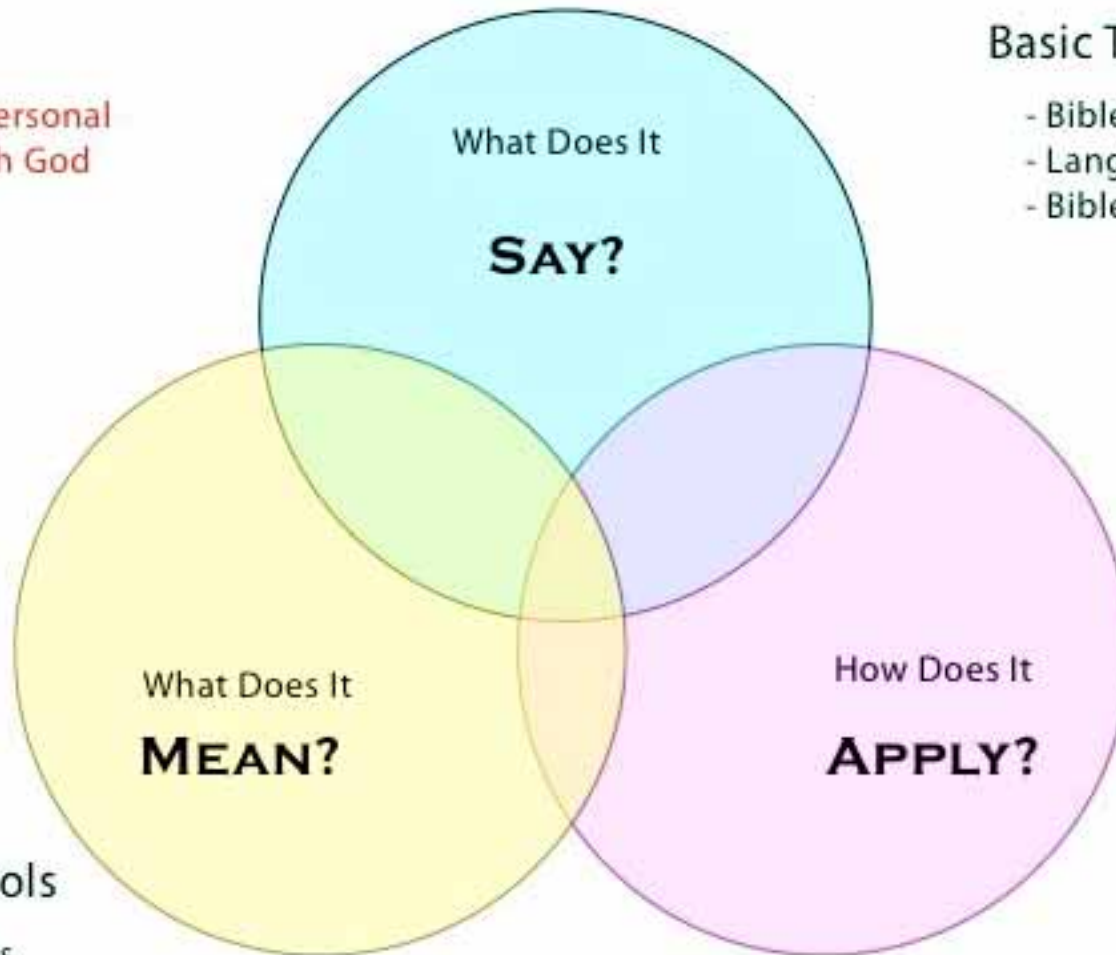
Life Under The Sun

Now Lets Be Realistic!

Ecclesiastes 6:1 – 12

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Prayer & Personal
Time With God



Basic Tools

- Bible Translations
- Language References
- Bible Dictionaries

Secondary Tools

- Commentaries
- Historical Materials
- Theologies

Final Tools

- Illustrations
- Sermons

***Understanding
the Bible
Requires Careful
Reading***






Carefully Reading Reveals Truth

- *Eccl. 5:19 – refers to “a gift of God”*
- *Eccl. 6:1-12 is part of the context giving us the exceptions*

There Is An Evil . . .

Ecclesiastes 6:1

- ***“under the sun”***
- ***“prevalent”***  ***RAB = “abundant,
great, many or
numerous”***
- ***“among men”***

1st Example of the Evil

Ecclesiastes 6:2

A man has . . .

- ***“riches”***
- ***“possessions”***
- ***“honor”***
- ***“lacks nothing”***

***But cannot
enjoy them.***



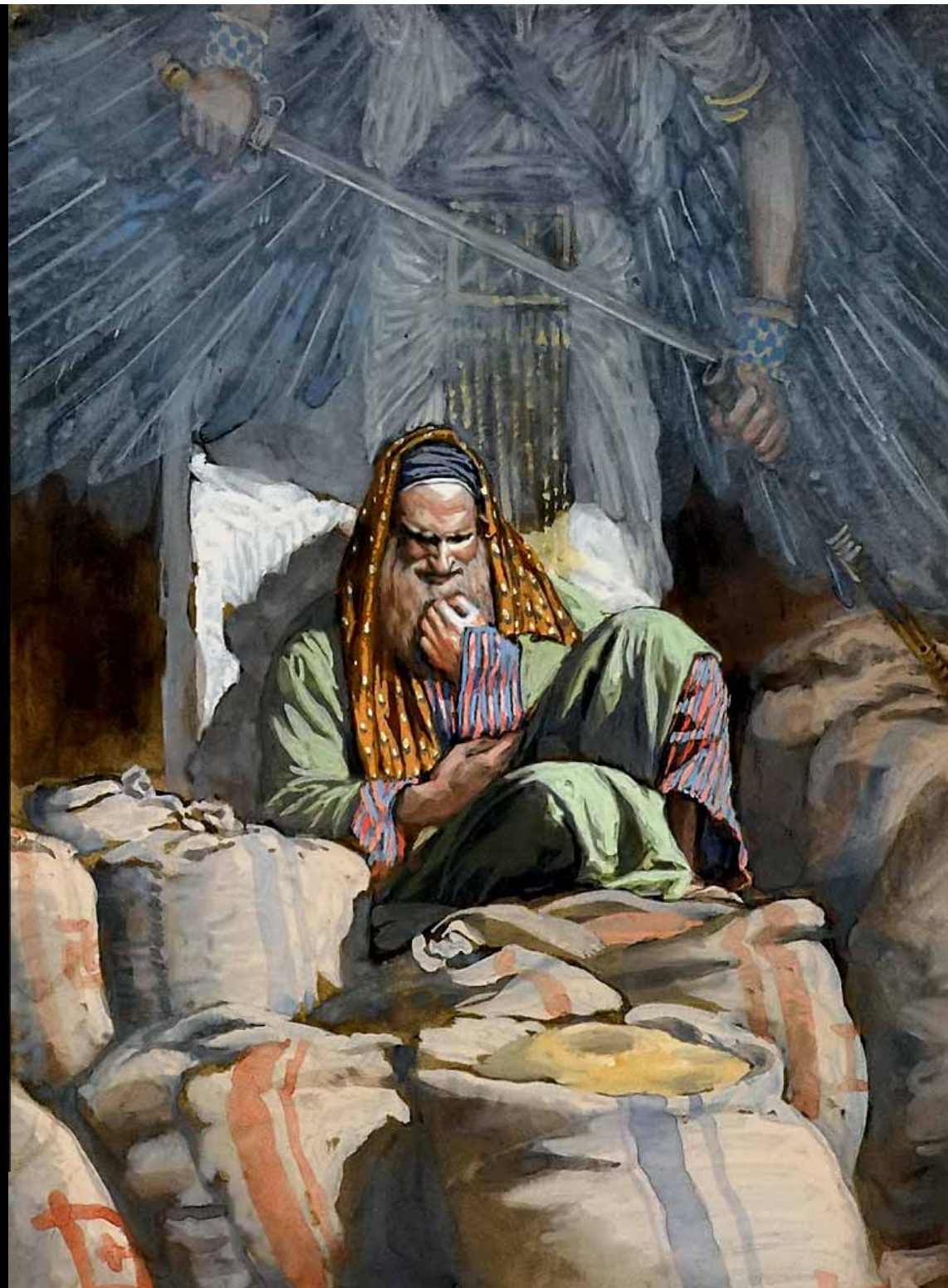
Robbers Steal



Lawsuits Steal

***Rich Man Who
Could Not
Enjoy His
Wealth***

Luke 12:16 - 21



2nd Example of the Evil

Ecclesiastes 6:3-6

Man has . . .

- ***“100 children”***
- ***“long life”***
- ***“no honor”***

Hundreds of Children

***Gen. 1:28
Lev. 26:9
Ps. 127:3-5
Ps. 128:3***

Long Life

***Deut. 5:16
Eph. 6:3***



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The Theme

Ecclesiastes 6:7 - 9

***All Our Effort Is
For Our Mouth***

. . . always chasing pleasure

Whatever has happened was foreordained, and what happens to a person was also foreknown. It is useless for him to argue with God about his fate because God is more powerful than he is. The more one argues with words, the less he accomplishes. How does that benefit him? For no one knows what is best for a person during his life during the few days of his fleeting life – for they pass away like a shadow. Nor can anyone tell him what the future will hold for him on earth.

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 12 (NET)

The Conclusion

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 12

- ***Our lives are already planned.***
- ***Who you are and will become is planned.***
- ***No benefit to arguing with God.***
- ***You do not know what is best for your life.***
- ***You do not know what will occur after you.***

The Conclusion

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 12

***So, life under the
sun is miserable.***

. . . that is being realistic

Biblical Perspective

1. Be thankful for everything

1 Thess. 5:16, 18

Hebrews 13:15

James 1:2

2. Why? Because God makes everything work together for good.

Romans 8:28

***Rejoice – you play an
important role in God’s
majestic plans.***

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