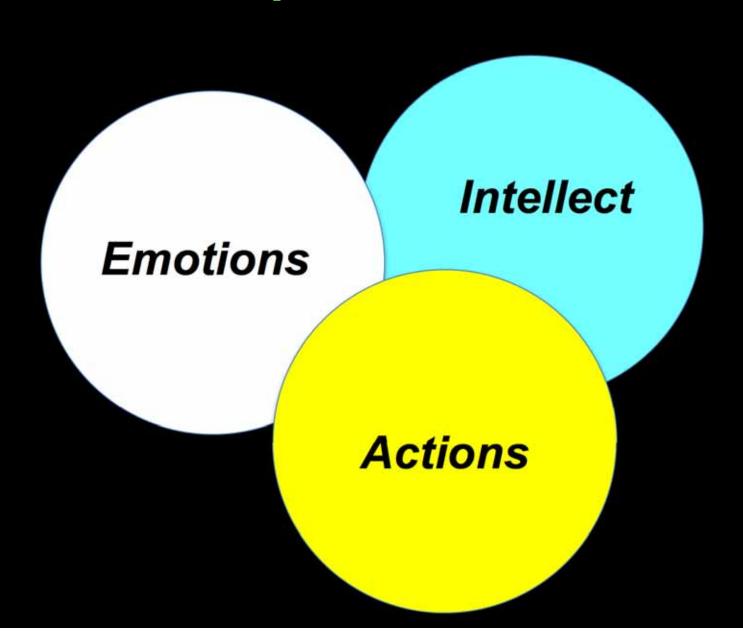


Life Under The Sun

Be Wise, However, Fear God Ecclesiastes 8:1 – 17

Solomon Has Examined EveryThing We Experience In Life



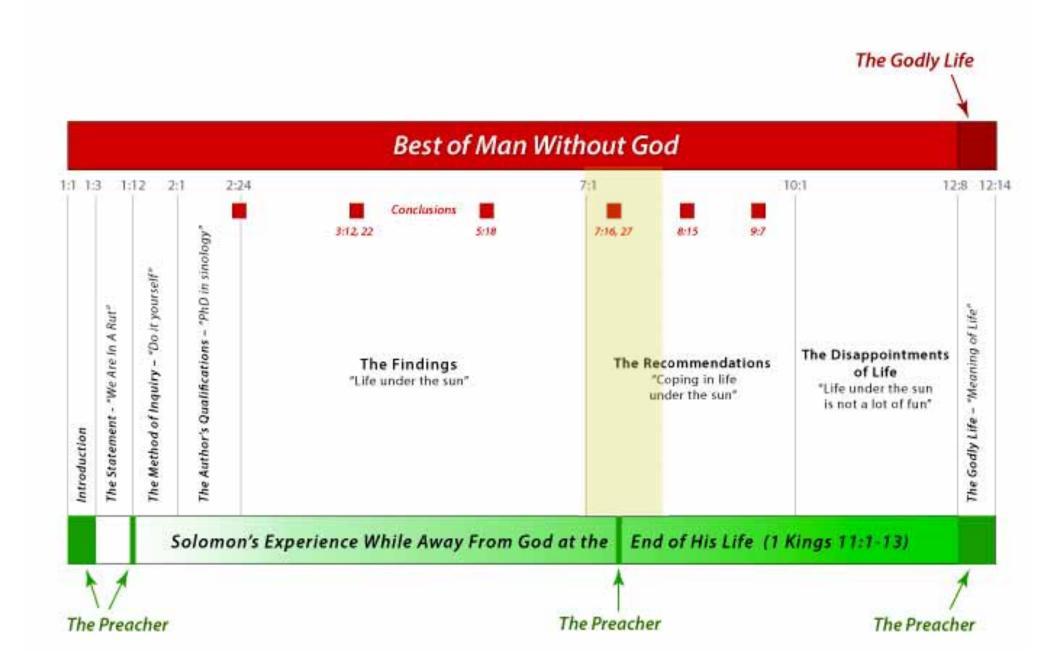
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King Solomon's Struggle

Ecclesiastes 8:1

v. 1a - Who is like a wise man?

v. 1b - How to recognize a wise man!

Example - You Cannot Be Wise

Ecclesiastes 8:2-5

v. 2 - Keep the oath before God.

v. 3 - Be calm & please the king.

v. 4 - You cannot stop the king.

<u>Evil :</u>

Eccl. 5:1

Eccl. 5:3

Eccl. 5:16

Eccl. 6:1

v. 5 - Wise heart knows best time & method.

First Principle

Ecclesiastes 8:6 -7

- v. 6 There is always a best time & method
- v. 7 But you do not know the best:
 - Time
 - Method

Proper time and method for everything

Even If You Knew What Was Best

Ecclesiastes 8:8 - 9

- v. 8 You cannot change anything
- v. 9 He knows this by personal experience

Examples - Wisdom Is Missing

Ecclesiastes 8:10 - 12

- v. 10 Religious wicked are praised
- v. 11 Evil grows because justice is delayed
- v. 12 Sinner may live too long

Best to fear God openly . . .

Four More Principles

Ecclesiastes 8:13 - 17

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Repeative recommendation:

Pleasure helps us by numbing the pains of life . . .

... for us under the sun

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- v. 16-17 No one can be wise!

Wisdom is better, but you can never be wise!

Life under the sun is broken!

How Should We Respond?

- Every person is a sinner
 - Romans 3:23
- World is under the control of Satan
 - 1 John 5:19
- World system gives us pleasure
 - 1 John 2:15-17