## ECCLESIASTES - LESSON SIX

## I. PROVERBS REGARDING THE GOOD IN LIFE (Chapter 6)

A. The evil of having riches from God, but God gives the power to partake of them to an alien (6:1-2, cf. I Kings 3:13, 2 Chronicles 1:11-12).
B. One stillborn is better than a man who begets many children, lives many years, but does not enjoy the good things from his labor, and has no burial (6:3-6).

1. The stillborn comes and goes in darkness - has rest.
2. No rest for the man who lives many years, but does not enjoy good from his labors.
3. Both go to the same place - the grave.
C. Man's desire is insatiable, so one should enjoy what he can see (6:7-9).
4. All men: wise, foolish, the poor who lives uprightly before men all have insatiable desires.
5. "Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire."
D. The vanity of man who contends with mighty God who knows man - his past and future (6:10-12).
6. "Who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?"

## QUESTIONS:

1. In what two ways is God in control of our blessings?
2. What three blessings does God give?

Did Solomon enjoy these three?
3. What did Solomon say is an "evil disease"?
4. Why is it that a man who begets many children and lives many years is worse off than one who is "stillborn"?
5. Where is the one place all go?
6. Why does one labor?
7. What is never filled?
8. Why is it a wise man and a poor man who lives properly before his fellow man have no advantage over the fool?

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9. What is better for us to do knowing the reality of the wandering of desire?
10. Who is behind the naming of things before they come into being, and knowing man as he is?
11. How is it that man lives his life as a "shadow"?
12. To whom should we therefore look to for guidance in living our life under the sun?
