

THEME

Colossians 2:10

For in him dwelleth
all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

And **YE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM**,
which is the head of all principality and power
Colossians 2:9-10



Message 4: The True Fulness

Solomon's conclusions

The two sides of King Solomon:

1. A person who lived without God, under the sun, having death in view, (the phrase "under the sun" mentioned 29 times!) - Eccl 1:3
2. Another person who had God in view and having eternity in view (Eccl 11:9; 12:14).

Solomon (Preacher, Koheleth); Jedediah (2 Samuel 12:25)

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Solomon's conclusions

The second part of the book of Ecclesiastes sees the better side of the vanity:

1. Good (Eccl 5:18...)
2. Better (Eccl 4:3, 7:1; 7:2; 7:8; 9:18)
3. Gift of God (3:13; 5:19)

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Solomon's conclusions - the better side of labour

Vanity -

Labour is vanity (Eccl 1:3-11; 2:18-23)

Striving after wind no reward (profit) (Eccl 2:11; 5:16)

Better -

Enjoy **good** in labour from the hand of **God** (Eccl 3:22)

- Nothing is better than this!

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Solomon's conclusions - the better side of wisdom

Vanity -

Wisdom is vanity (Eccl 1:13-18; 2:12-17)

Striving after wind no remembrance (Eccl 2:16)

Better -

Wisdom is **gift of God** (Eccl 7:11-14; 9:13-18)

- God **accepts** you!
- Wisdom of God (9:17-18; 10:1-15; 12:11; *7:11, 12, 19)

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Solomon's conclusions - the better side of riches

Vanity -

Wealth and riches are vanity
(Eccl 5:8-20)

- No one carry the wealth and riches with him (Eccl 5:15).
- Riches and wealth hurts (Eccl 5:13).They perish (5:14).

Better -

God's gift - God gives power to rejoice in them (Eccl 5: 18-19)

- 1 Timothy 6:17
- Proverbs 10:22

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Solomon's conclusions - the better side of life

Vanity -

Life is meaningless (Eccl 3:19-21)

- All return to dust (3:20; 6:12; 7:12; 9:2-6).
- A life seen only under the sun.

Better -

Life is good, **comely** and joyful (Eccl 5:18)

- Spirit goes to God (Eccl 12:7)
- Judgement after death (11:9; 12:14)
 - Live diligently (Eccl 9:7-10)
 - Rejoice (Eccl 9:9; 11:8-9; 5:19)
 - Fear God (Eccl 3:14; 5:7; 8:12; 2:13)

Message 4: The True Fulness

God is the source of the true fulness

Life the present life joyfully

With fear of God

Life the present life diligently

Keeping eternity (judgement) in view

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**Without God, life is empty,
meaningless and purposeless.**

**In God, life is full:
meaningful, joyful and purposeful**