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## Week 16: Satisfaction of our Vapor *Ecclesiastes 6:1-9*

### TODAY'S VERSES:

Ecclesiastes 6:3  
Hebrews 4:15  
Hebrews 12:2-3

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20  
Ecclesiastes 6:1-9  
1 Timothy 6:6-8

# Week 16: Satisfaction of our Vapor

## Ecclesiastes 6:1-9

We are in week 16 of our sermon series of Ecclesiastes. Solomon, the writer of Ecclesiastes, has been on a roll about satisfaction in life not coming from man-made things, but from God Himself. The more we try to make the temporary things in our lives INTO eternal things the less and less they will satisfy. The existential hangover is about attaining everything we think we want to make our existence meaningful only to wake up the next morning and realize it didn't fulfill us. What do you do when you get everything you thought you wanted, and you actually accomplish ALL of your dreams...now what?

**What is a dream you have accomplished in life?**

**How did you feel a month after your accomplishment?**

If you reached the end of all you were striving for in life you still have to live, but now what is there to live for?

**Has anything in life turned out to be all that you hoped it would be?**

Typically the answer to the above question is, "No," because stuff and things do not bring satisfaction. As a matter of fact, putting our lives and hopes into "things" usually make us more depressed and leaves us wanting more.

**Have you ever thought about how much you need God?**

Solomon had everything he wanted in life, but in the end he was still depressed. He finally came to rest in the fact that the only way to find true peace and satisfaction is to trust in who God is. Trusting in God means worshiping the true God and enjoying the things He created and has placed into our hands. Meaning comes from God, not from His creation alone. When we are able to worship God and enjoy His creation we get windows of perfect peace (shalom) and perfect goodness (Tov).

**Please try to put this into words: What do you think God wants for you?**

The Westminster Catechism asks the question and provides the answer: (Question) *What is the chief end of man?* (Answer) Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

**What do you do to find satisfaction in life? (Or where do you find satisfaction)**

Some people work to find satisfaction, some people seek pleasure to find satisfaction, some people avoid responsibilities to find satisfaction, some people accumulate wealth to find satisfaction, but Solomon warns us that what we focus our lives upon will eventually own us. If what we focus on is not God first, we will become depressed and everything will be meaningless.

**Read and Discuss Ecclesiastes 6:1-9.**

**How do you define wealth?**

Solomon has shown us that wealth in our lives is not a matter of rich and poor, but righteous and unrighteous. If making money seems to be beyond our ability in this life, it can still be ok because what *is* under our ability is loving God. Loving God first will lead us to a place of joy, holiness, and righteousness whether we are rich or poor.

Too often we define wealth by possessions, income, and status. We get an amount of money and we like to show it off. Solomon redefines all of this by saying wealth has less to do with what we have and more to do with how we enjoy what we have.

**Question from today's message:**

**Do you enjoy the wealth (big or small), the possessions (new or old), and the honor that God has already given you?**

**When you do get money, honor, and things do you share them with others?**

**Do you share your life with others?**

**Are you satisfied and content with what God has given you in life?**

**What do you feel leads you to either contentment or discontentment?**