

Ecclesiastes 12—Finding Life

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Today we hear the 6th and last sermon on the one “Book” of the Bible that is itself a sermon. In it The Preacher tackles the most fundamental question of life—What is the meaning of life? If you’ve been following along in this series, you might be experiencing “sermon déjà vu.” The question persists. The facts don’t change. The conclusion is inescapable! But we need them all repeated and reinforced, just as The Preacher has done, because we are chronically slow learners. Today, we come to “the end of the matter” (12:13), that marks the beginning of a meaningful life!

Outline:

Aging & Dying

Sermons & Ecclesiastes

Searching & Dead Ends

Finding & Life Eternal

For Discussion & Action:

1. What routes have you traveled down in your search for meaning in life, perhaps even as a Christian? What did each teach you? (Warning: This question will challenge your honesty and cultivate your humility).
2. The Preacher concludes—Remember your Creator, Fear God, and keep His commandments. Are these necessary before believing, help to explain believing, or come after believing? What does Scripture say?

The end of the matter; all has been heard.

Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13