



2021 Pursue Summer Study
 “The Truth Is...”

Principles of Truth From the Life of Solomon
 A Study in Ecclesiastes
 Week 3

Solomon has found that living life according to our own understanding or desires really leads to futility. To live life without application of the truth of God is meaningless. Humans have been designed by a wise and good God who made them to function according to His principles of truth. Trying to find meaning or purpose outside of God’s intentions will only lead to frustration. Attempts at being the “master of our own fate” are impossible. Solomon had all the tools that would be necessary if one could live life independent from God, and even he fell to the temptation to try to do so. But at the end of his life, he found that he really wasn’t in control at all. He too would still die and leave all his accomplishments to an unknown future. He came to the conclusion that

“...there is a man who has labored with wisdom, knowledge, and skill, then he gives his legacy to one who has not labored with them. This too is vanity and a great evil.” Ecclesiastes 2:21 Solomon realized that though he had a unique position in life, life would not treat him differently than any other person, The cycles of life events are established by God, and no one can escape their continual progression. Even the application of wisdom doesn’t exclude a person from life circumstances that are beyond their control. This was an extreme frustration for Solomon, just as it is for all who go through life on this planet thinking they can manufacture their own outcomes.

Principle #3: The Truth Is... the cycle of life is established by God, and though we can choose to apply the principles of wisdom to the circumstance we are in, no one can control or guarantee how the situations of life will work out.

Key words:

Appointed time or season-*zeman*- used only four times in the OT - two in the book of Esther referring to the time established for the Feast of Purim, and once in Nehemiah referring to an appointed time to return from a journey. In Ecclesiastes 3:1 it refers to specific and set times that are predestined by God.

Time-*eth*- time in general that a certain appropriate thing will take place.

Purpose-*chephets*- a thing to take pleasure or delight in.

READ ECCLESIASTES 3

QUESTIONS:

1. (NASB) Ecclesiastes 3:1 “ There is an _____ for everything.
And there is a _____ for every _____ under _____.”

Fill in Ecclesiastes 3:1. From the definitions above and the specifics of verses 2-8, what is Solomon’s main point in these statements?

2. How does Ecclesiastes 3:11, 8:17, 11:5, and James 4:13-17 further this idea?

3. From verses 12-15, what is Solomon’s conclusion to this?

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
