WHAT'S THE POINT?

ECCLESIASTES

A HEART OCCUPIED WITH JOY | ECCLESIASTES 5:8 – 6:9

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There is no earthly substitute for the joy that only God can give to His people.

Review: "Under the sun" worldview and the Hebrew word *Hebel* (futile, fleeting, like smoke)

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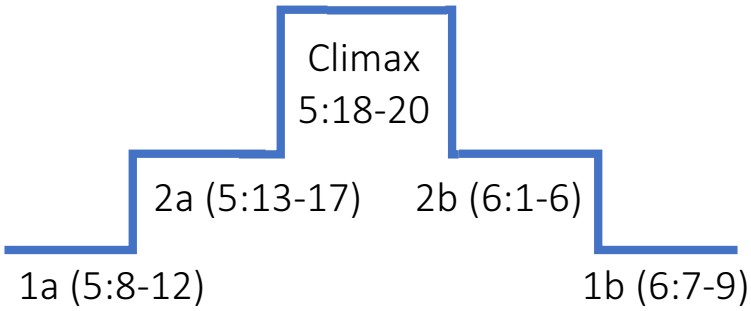

Preaching Christ from Ecclesiastes by Sidney Greidanus

1. Material riches fail to give man an advantage in an under-the-sun quest for satisfaction (5:8-12; 6:7-9).

2. Material riches offer no guarantee of security and no promise of joy (5:13-17; 6:1-6).

3. God gives food, drink, work, possessions, and wealth, and only God can give us the power to enjoy His good gifts (5:18-20).

Questions to Consider

1. Does God's rule over creation give you joy? Why or why not?
2. What does Ecclesiastes 5:8-9 say about how governments work?
3. What are some of the disadvantages of having a large number of possessions?
4. How do words like "satisfied," "advantage," and "eyes" help to point out a parallel?
5. Describe the grievous evil that befell each of the characters?
6. Are there idols (possessions, feelings, kinds of status, relationships) that may be idols for you, that you long to have, or that you'd be afraid to let go of?