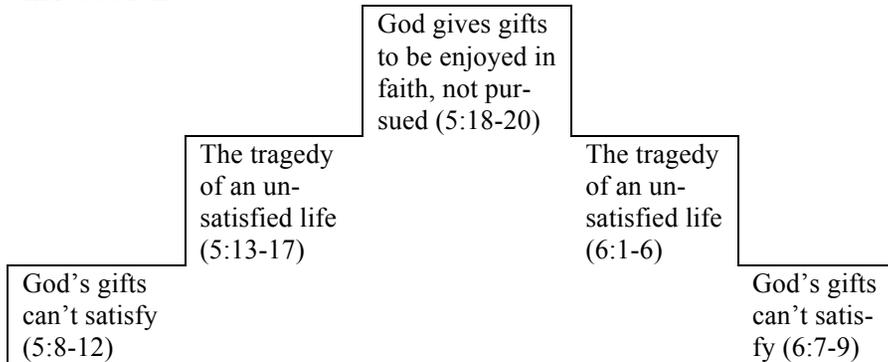


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Ecclesiastes 5:8—6:9

Introduction:



I. GOD'S TEMPORAL GIFTS IN THEMSELVES CANNOT SATISFY

- A. An example of those who live only for the gifts – 5:8-9
- B. The futility of living only for temporal gifts – 5:10-12; 6:7-9
 - 1. Those who live only for temporal gifts are never satisfied
Luke 12:15
 - 2. Wealth brings dependents and attracts leeches
 - 3. Wealth brings constant worries

II. AN UNSATISFIED LIFE IS A TRAGIC LIFE

- A. The hoarder who loses it all – 5:13-17
- B. The person who has everything except satisfaction – 6:1-6

Conclusion

- 1. Mark 4:19; Luke 12:21-22; 1 Timothy 6:17
- 2. Ecclesiastes 2:25 cf. Psalm 23:1; Matthew 6:33; Hebrews 13:5
- 3. Ecclesiastes 12:13
- 4. Psalm 43:4

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Questions for Consideration and Discussion

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1. What is God's purpose in giving temporal gifts like food, drink and daily tasks of life? How often do you view these gifts in light of His purpose in giving them?
2. Why did God not design His temporary gifts to fully satisfy us? What happens when a person seeks ultimate satisfaction through those items and experiences?
3. What temporal gifts from God have you pursued for their own sake? What was the outcome? What did you learn through those experiences?
4. Which is the more tragic life—living in deep poverty while being content with the little one has or having great wealth without contentment or joy? Why?
5. How does God enable a person to contentedly enjoy His temporal gifts?
6. Where are you at in terms of contentment and enjoyment of God's temporal gifts? How did the Lord bring you to this point? How will you pursue greater contentment and enjoyment going forward?