Life Under the Sun
Ecclesiastes 1:1-18

“Vanity” = *Hebel* (a puff of breath, mist, vapor)
- Some translations use “meaningless”
- Something passing, fleeting, or insubstantial

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3 Troubling questions about life under the sun:

1. What’s the purpose (v. 1-8a)?

   Maybe profit (v. 3)?
   Maybe progress (v. 4-7)?

   “More than at any other time in history, mankind faces a crossroads. One path leads to despair and utter hopelessness. The other, to total extinction. Let us pray we have the wisdom to choose correctly.” – Woody Allen

2. What’s the point (v. 8b-11)?

   Maybe novelty & new experiences (v. 8b-10)?
   Maybe Leaving a name for yourself (v. 11)?

3. Where’s the promise (v. 12-18)?

   Maybe Wisdom (v. 12-18)?

   Proverbs 1:7a
   Psalm 16:11
   John 1:1-4
   Matthew 7:24-27