The Vanity of the American Dream
Ecclesiastes 2:1-26

“Solomon’s life is the life of many men in our culture: the carrying through of great projects, the building of personal monuments, the exertion of power over many other human beings, the amassing of wealth, and the possession of many women. What does it add up to? ‘A chasing after wind.’” – Iain Provan (NIV Application Commentary)

3 Dead Ends in Seeking Joy in the American Dream:

1. The Path of Pleasure (v. 1-11)
Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

2. The Drive for Degrees (v. 12-17)
Ecclesiastes 2:12-17

Wisdom = Hokmah (technical skill, aptitude, experience, good sense)

3. The Road to Riches (v. 18-23)
Ecclesiastes 2:18-23

Solomon’s Verdict: There’s only “One Way” to Joy (v. 24-26)
Ecclesiastes 2:24-26

Matthew 6:33
John 1:4