

For a long time, King Solomon sought the wisdom of all things on earth nature, human deeds, and more trying to uncover a single answer that would unlock the doors to BLESSINGS, KNOWLEDGE, LIFE, and PEACE in a person's life. Solomon embarked on this search for many years, from his youth, guided by the wisdom within him. The Bible even mentions that Solomon explored what others might consider foolishness things that shouldn't be done by people of God but he did so to uncover whether the answer he was seeking could be hidden in these actions. His goal was to find the key to a life of ease, peace, joy, fulfillment, love, and more.

Solomon's Search for Meaning

We can read about Solomon's investigation in the book of **Ecclesiastes**. Early in the book, Solomon describes how he set his heart on finding the answer to life. He was willing to try everything that the world offers, yet each time he found that it didn't hold the key to human life, he labeled it as VANITY. He continued searching, moving from one thing to the next, trying everything he could until he explored every possible avenue on earth nothing was left out. He even explored witchcraft and foreign gods, but in the end, he found them all to be futile, like chasing after the wind.

In Ecclesiastes 1:14, Solomon writes, "I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind." This verse underlines his realization that earthly pursuits, no matter how glamorous or desirable, cannot satisfy the deeper longings of the human soul.

Finally, in the last chapter of Ecclesiastes, after all his searching and trials, Solomon found the answer he had been looking for all along. It wasn't easy, and it even cost him his soul in the process, as he engaged in things he shouldn't have done. But after all the struggle, he discovered the answer.

The Formula for Life

Solomon compared this search to looking for a rare, specific piece of clothing in the second-hand market. You'll sift through pile after pile, and it may take a long time perhaps even a lifetime and you might never find it. This is the cost of discovering the true way to live a peaceful and fulfilling life.

Solomon's search for the meaning of life led him to discover the FORMULA for human existence. By understanding this formula, a

person can unlock the toughest doors in their current and future life. Without this understanding, a person may wander aimlessly, struggling and suffering, but once they know it, life becomes easier, filled with peace and joy.

The Conclusion: Fear God and Keep His Commandments

The answer Solomon found is revealed in the conclusion of Ecclesiastes:

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

13 "Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, FOR THIS IS THE DUTY OF ALL HUMANS.

14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil."

This is the ultimate answer to life: *Fear God and keep His commandments*. This is the key that opens every door in life, which previously seemed difficult. Solomon found that true peace, fulfillment, and wisdom come from a relationship with God and from obeying His Word.

In Proverbs 9:10, it is written, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

This verse emphasizes that the foundation of wisdom and understanding begins with the reverence and respect for God, which leads to a life that reflects His commands.

The Vanity of Worldly Pursuits

Now, in our modern generation, everything is easier. We often believe that wealth will provide the answers to life's questions. But Solomon also searched for wealth and material gain, hoping they would bring him the happiness and fulfillment he sought, only to conclude that they were VANITY and LIES.

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11

"I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind."

Solomon's experience reveals a profound truth: the pursuit of wealth, pleasure, and material success without a foundation in God ultimately leads to emptiness.

Solomon also searched for happiness in relationships and pleasures, including through numerous wives and concubines. Yet, he declared that none of these brought lasting fulfillment.

Ecclesiastes 2:8-9 says, "I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I acquired male and female singers, and a harem as well—the delights of a man's heart. I became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before me."

Yet, despite all his wealth and pleasures, he concluded that it was all vanity.

The Importance of Remembering the Creator

The Bible warns against waiting too long to seek God's wisdom and guidance. Solomon urges the young to remember their Creator while they are still in their youth.

In

Ecclesiastes 12:1, he writes, "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, 'I find no pleasure in them.'"

This is a call to turn to God early in life, before the challenges of aging and life's difficulties make it harder to do so.

The Importance of Obeying God's Commands

Solomon's final advice is simple yet profound: *remember your Creator and obey His commandments*. This is the way to live a life of purpose, fulfillment, and peace. The book of Proverbs is filled with guidance on this subject, as Solomon continually emphasizes the importance of wisdom and instruction in following God's ways.

In Proverbs 4:10-12, Solomon advises, "Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many. I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble."

Following God's wisdom and commands brings stability and peace to life.

The Role of Jesus Christ in Our Life

As Christians, we understand that the ultimate fulfillment of the wisdom Solomon sought is found in Jesus Christ.

In John 14:6, Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Jesus is the key to understanding and living out the wisdom that Solomon spoke about. Through faith in Christ, we are empowered by the

Holy Spirit to live according to God's will, which leads to eternal peace and fulfillment.

Conclusion: A Call to Action

Solomon's wisdom points us to the need for a relationship with God and the importance of following His commands. Solomon's journey of searching for meaning in worldly pleasures and achievements only led him to declare them as vanity. Now, we are called to heed his final conclusion: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the duty of all humans.

If you have not yet embraced this wisdom, the call remains: turn to God, repent of your sins, and place your trust in Jesus Christ. **Romans 10:9** says, *"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."* This is the path to true life, peace, and purpose.

May you choose this path today.

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