

Prayer?

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Sermon.

Speaker: Pastor Buster Brown

Today's Message: The Puzzling Nature of Life Lived Under the Sun

Today's Text: Ecclesiastes 8:14-9:6

Ecclesiastes 8:14-17

"There is a vanity that takes place on earth, that there are righteous people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the wicked, and there are wicked people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity. And I commend joy, for man has nothing better under the sun but to eat and drink and be joyful, for this will go with him in his toil through the days of his life that God has given him under the sun.

When I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done on earth, how neither day nor night do one's eyes see sleep, then I saw all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. However much man may toil in seeking, he will not find it out. Even though a wise man claims to know, he cannot find it out."

Ecclesiastes 9:1-6

"But all this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God. Whether it is love or hate, man does not know; both are before him. It is the same for all, since the same event happens to the righteous and the wicked, to the good and the evil, to the clean and the unclean, to him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice. As the good one is, so is the sinner, and he who swears is as he who shuns an oath. This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that the same event happens to all. Also, the hearts of the children of man are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead. But he who is joined with all the living has hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten. Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished, and forever they have no more share in all that is done under the sun."

Solomon has gone through his "bucket list" of pursuits by which he hoped to find meaning in life. Now, he reflects on some of the ultimate puzzlements in life, which cannot be answered when you live life as a "Under The Sun" proponent.

When you live "under the sun" (epicureanism) you give yourself to pleasure and the reality of God is inconsequential because God is ultimately undefinable.

PUZZLING ISSUES

1. Injustice (Ecclesiastes 8:14)

The response to injustice: "I commend joy, for man has nothing better under the sun but to eat and drink and be joyful." (v.15a)

2. Knowledge (Ecclesiastes 8:16-17)

"Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them." Romans 1:32

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The willful rejection of divine revelation hardens the heart to the point that the person walking in disobedience takes delight in the sinfulness of others.

3. Death (Ecclesiastes 9:2-6)

- The same event (death) happens to the righteous and the wicked, which is an intolerable evil to Solomon.
- There is no hope beyond the grave.

THE BIBLICAL RESPONSE

*"16 But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task,
17 until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.
18 Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin.
19 How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors!"*

*"23 Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.
24 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.
25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."
Psalm 73:16-19, 23-26*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Solomon had come to the point in his life where the NBT (the next big thing) would not bring any satisfaction; therefore, he slips into deeper despair. Why is this the natural consequence of living the life of an epicurean?
2. Why does Solomon, in the light of injustice, turn to the "nothing better under the sun" argument of eating and drinking and being joyful? Is this a joy with content?
3. What is the result of not having a paradigm for truth?

*"18 But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. 19 The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble."
Proverbs 4:18-19*

4. Give examples of the manifestation of Romans 1:32 in our culture today, i.e. people applauding those in error.
5. Solomon is continuously plagued with the thought of "the memory of them is forgotten" in the book of Ecclesiastes. How do you respond to that thought?



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Welcome.

We're glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new to East Cooper Baptist, we would love to meet you. Please stop by the Welcome Center following the worship services to say hello and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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Traditional Worship / Sunday Bible Classes
Sanctuary 9:00a & 10:45a

Contemporary Worship / Sunday Bible Classes
Worship Center 9:00a & 10:45a



Next Steps.

1. Attend a Guest Luncheon

Get to know us better at our next Guest Luncheon and see what God has in store for you. You'll meet our pastor and some of our staff and enjoy fellowship with a great meal. Our next free luncheon is **January 6, 2019 at 12:15p** in the Gym. For more information, please contact Carol at carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com.

2. Find an equip•u Class

Our equip•u classes are groups that meet before or after the worship services to study the Bible in depth. Visit the Welcome Center to pick up an equip•u guide or go online to choose from a variety of classes. Register for track classes at eastcooperbaptist.com/classes.

3. Join a Community Group

An authentic biblical community provides a place where we can grow, learn, and serve as we seek to know Jesus. We have a variety of over 30 open groups from students to adults. Please go online today to locate a group near you. eastcooperbaptist.com/groups

4. Become a Member

Register online for our upcoming New Members Class on Saturday, **January 12th**. This class is a basic introduction to our church family and is a requirement for joining the church. We designed this class to clearly explain what we believe at East Cooper Baptist.

5. Serve in equip•them

Equip•them is the serving arm for Sunday morning ministries. We have nearly 600 opportunities to serve. Some needs require 15 minutes before the service, others may require the whole equipping hour. eastcooperbaptist.com/serve

Childcare.



We have a safe and loving environment for your children where they can learn about God. Please take advantage of our nursery for children up to age three during the worship services. Our ushers are ready to assist you.



This Week.

For detailed information please go online.

SUN

OCT 28

Equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a
HSM D-Groups
5:30-7:30p Host Homes

MON

OCT 29

Reengage Marriage Program
6:30-8:30p D-Wing Choir Room

TUE

OCT 30

Women's Bible Study
9:30-11:30a Worship Center
Worship Band Rehearsal
6:30p Worship Center

WED

OCT 31

WAM
6:30-8:00p A-Wing Classrooms
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30-8:00p Choir Room
MSM T4:12
6:30-8:00p Gym
Women's Bible Study
6:30-8:00p B218/B219

THU

NOV 1

Men's Fall Hike
Thu-Sun NC Mountains
Women's Morning Devotional
6:30-7:30a Welcome Center
Women's Marriage Study
9:30-11:30a D-Wing Choir Room
Young Adults Connect
7:00p Annex

FRI

NOV 2

Man2Man
6:20a Gym

SAT

NOV 3

Love On Charleston
8:00a-2:00p Various Projects
Lowcountry Walk for Life
10:00a-12:00p Wannamaker Park

THIS MONTH: COMMUNITY OUTREACH

FEATURED MINISTRIES

Throughout the month of October we are featuring all of our local ministries in the area of helping those in need in our community. This includes ministries helping with the homeless and people or families in crisis situations. Stop by the kiosk in the Welcome Center to find information on ministries like:



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Upcoming.

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TODAY Equip•them is the serving arm for Sunday morning ministries. We have many opportunities to serve. The Children's Ministry is a vital ministry in need of volunteers. Go online today and start serving. **VOLUNTEER TODAY**



TODAY PCA proudly presents its 2nd Annual Christmas Tree, Garland and Wreath Sale! All proceeds from the sale will go directly to the PCA Annual Fund. You'll find trees from 5 to 10 feet and a variety of options on wreath and garland sizes. Place your order online TODAY at: palmettochristianacademy.org



TODAY Come get on track with God's word by joining an equip•u class. There are classes for all ages and stages or you can register for track classes at either 9:00a or 10:45a. **REGISTER TODAY**



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NOV 3 We invite everyone to this church-wide day of service where we will be loving on our community in the name of Jesus. We will work on projects like construction, craft making, painting, and yard work. **REGISTER ONLINE**



NOV 3 As part of Love on Charleston, this is a great activity for families or community groups. Go online today to join the ECBC team. You are also welcome to join us for breakfast in the gym at 8am before the walk begins at 10am. **JOIN TODAY**



NOV 6 A monthly gathering for our church to come together to pray. Join us at 6:30p in the Welcome Center to pray. We will be praying for our church, community, nation, and the world. Please make plans to attend. Nursery is provided. **SEE YOU THERE**



NOV 9 OR 10 GriefShare's Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. Two class times are available. Friday, Nov 9 from 7-8:30p or Saturday, Nov 10 from 10-11:30a. **REGISTER ONLINE**



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Hello.

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If you're here for the first time, please come by our Welcome Center and say hello. We'd love to answer any questions and say thanks for being our special guest today.

I/We attended worship at:

9:00a 10:45a

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Spouse

Birthdate

Spouse Birthdate

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City

State

Zip

Mobile

Spouse Mobile

Email

Spouse Email

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- Join a Community Group
- Other