

The Words of the Preacher: ECCLESIASTES

Life Under the Sun

Progress Under the Sun

Ecclesiastes 1:4-11

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty God, Maker and Creator of all that is. You have ordained all things by your decrees and manifest your eternal power, wisdom and goodness through all that you have created. Your good providence governs and preserves all creation that your people might walk in your provision and revel in your glory. Thank you, Father God. We confess our frequent neglect and often disregard for your blessings and good gifts you are so constant to provide. And when we do acknowledge these gifts we quickly cling to them for hope and joy and peace that only you can give. LORD forgive us for toiling and starving to find our good and fullness in your creation instead of seeking our only good, our only satisfaction, in the fullness of Christ our Savior. Come now, Holy Spirit, and convince us of the vanity and emptiness of pursuing earthly treasure that will fade, perish. And stir in us a longing to drink deeply of all the benefits we are promised in Christ. We ask you to open our eyes in this way. We ask you to open our ears that we might hear your Word speaking by your Spirit this morning. Amen & Amen

OUTLINE

1. Vanity in Nature (vv. 4-7)
2. Vanity in Humanity (vv. 8-11)
3. Fullness in Christ

Central Textual Truth

The Preacher asks if there is any gain from all our toil.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to confirm the vanity of our earthly toil & strive for fullness in Christ.