

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: [Ecclesiastes 1:1-10](#).
- B. Solomon did not know about cars, planes, air conditioners, or space travel. Yet, his saying is still true.
- C. Solomon had other things in mind when he made this statement.
- D. In this fast paced world, ever changing, there are some things that stay the same, and there really isn't anything new.

I. NOTHING NEW IN REGARDS TO NATURE.

- A. Solomon (I will use him as the author based on 1:12) opens this book by saying the generations come and go, the winds blow, and the rivers flow but everything remains the same.
- B. Scientists now recognize five basic components which make up the universe. God knew this from the beginning (Gen. 1:1):
 - 1. Time "In the beginning."
 - 2. Force "God."
 - 3. Energy "created."
 - 4. Space "the heavens."
 - 5. Matter "the earth."Man just discovered it.
- C. We see that God put a rainbow in the sky as a promise to never again destroy the earth with water (Gen. 9:11-14). In that rainbow are the seven basic colors from which all other colors come (white and black are not colors). We cannot come up with any new colors.
- D. We understand and experience rains, winds, snows, and seasons.
- E. We labor, sorrow, care, struggle, love, die, succeed, honor, and fail just like everyone else.
- F. We may learn how to control the elements to some extent but we will never be able to do away with them (Gen. 8:22).

II. NOTHING NEW IN REGARDS TO SIN.

- A. Sin is as old as the human race.
- B. Satan doesn't have any new tricks, just different lies.
- C. The basic sins that befall us are (1Jn. 2:16):
 - 1. The lust of the flesh.
 - 2. The lust of the eye.
 - 3. The boastful pride of life.
- D. There is no new pattern in regards to those who live in sin and practice sin (2Tim. 3:13).
- E. Jesus was tempted in every way as we, but was without sin (Heb. 4:15).
- F. Paul states there is no temptation except what is common to man (1Cor. 10:13).

III. NOTHING NEW IN REGARDS TO ETHICS.

- A. A good name is still rather to be chosen.
- B. There is no substitute or better policy than honesty.
- C. Marriage is still held in honor.
- D. The family is still the basic unit of living.
- E. There is no escaping the punishment of sin.

IV. NOTHING NEW IN REGARDS TO THE SUPREMACY OF THE GODLY LIFE.

- A. This has been true no matter the covenant from God.
- B. Some may try to show a better way but it cannot be done.

- C. Jesus said he was the way, the truth, and the life. Not a way, not a good way, or even the best way; He is THE way (Jn. 14:6).
- D. Life in Christ gives:
 - 1. All spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3).
 - 2. Peace that passes understanding (Phil. 4:7).
 - 3. Assurance of food, clothing and shelter (Mt. 6:33).
 - 4. The forgiveness of sins (Col. 1:14).
 - 5. The hope of eternal life (1Pet. 1:3,4).

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Some have said the theme of Ecclesiastes is "I am a fool, I repent."
- B. The bottom line is found in 12:13 because there is nothing new under the sun. Anything else is vanity, and a striving after the wind.
- C. Let your future be dedicated to that which will last, the cause of Christ.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Christians; erring Christians.