

# Life Under the Sun: The Message of Ecclesiastes

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

## Lesson 5 Ecclesiastes 5:1-20 (6-8-25)

**Key Idea:** Learning to be content with the circumstances in which God has placed each of us according to His sovereign plan is the first step to enjoying the good things in life God has given you.

### I. THE STRUCTURE OF ECCLESIASTES & SOLOMONS ARGUMENT

A. Section II (3:1-5:20) has \_\_\_\_\_ sub-divisions which advance Solomon's \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Subdivision #1 (3:1-15):** God has a p\_\_\_\_\_ that e\_\_\_\_\_ every man and woman and all their a\_\_\_\_\_ at all t\_\_\_\_\_. The more familiar term for this is \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Subdivision #2 (3:16-4:16):** Solomon reflects on apparent a\_\_\_\_\_ and c\_\_\_\_\_ to the idea of God's s\_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Subdivision #3 (5:1-20):** Beware of p\_\_\_\_\_ atheism, acting as if God is not in c\_\_\_\_\_.

B. In section #2 (3:16-4:16) Solomon gave us six scenarios that appear to b\_\_\_\_\_ the idea of a sovereign God who is fully in c\_\_\_\_\_ of the world He has made. Can you name all six?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_\_

### II. THE PROBLEM OF FORGETTING WHERE GOD HAS PLACED US

A. Big m\_\_\_\_\_ and knuckle\_\_\_\_\_ at worship: The problem of incautious speech: (5:1-7)

Guard your steps \_\_\_\_\_ (5:1)

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Do not be quick with your mouth \_\_\_\_\_ (5:2)

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When you make a vow \_\_\_\_\_ (5:4)

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Do not let your mouth lead you into sin \_\_\_\_\_ (5:6)

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B. Even though we ain't got money: Seven principles about our place in life with respect to money (5:9-17)

Principle #1 \_\_\_\_\_ (5:8-9)

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Principle #2 \_\_\_\_\_ (5:10)

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Principle #3 \_\_\_\_\_ (5:11)

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Principle #4 \_\_\_\_\_ (5:12)

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Principle #5 \_\_\_\_\_ (5:13-14)

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Principle #6 \_\_\_\_\_ (5:15)

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Principle #7 \_\_\_\_\_ (5:16-17)

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C. The Conclusion to Section 3: \_\_\_\_\_ (5:18-20)

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