

WORSHIP NOTES

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Solomon's Final Thoughts & Teachings

Ecclesiastes 12:8-14

"Everything is meaningless," says the Teacher, "completely meaningless." Keep this in mind: The Teacher was considered wise, and he taught the people everything he knew. He listened carefully to many proverbs, studying and classifying them. The Teacher sought to find just the right words to express truths clearly. The words of the wise are like cattle prods—painful but helpful. Their collected sayings are like a nail-studded stick with which a shepherd drives the sheep. But, my child, let me give you some further advice: Be careful, for writing books is endless, and much study wears you out.

- I. WHERE WE LEFT OFF

- II. REFLECTIONS (Chapter 8)
 - A. ON OBEDIENCE

 - B. THE WICKED AND THE RIGHTEOUS

- III. SOLOMON'S FINAL CONCLUSION (Chapters 9-12)
 - A. DEATH

 - B. WISDOM & FOLLY

 - C. THE UNCERTAINTIES OF LIFE

 - D. ADVICE TO YOUNG AND OLD

 - E. THE WRAP UP

- III. WHY DO THESE PROVERBS MATTER?
 - A. WHAT DO THEY REVEAL ABOUT GOD?

 - B. WHAT DO THEY REVEAL ABOUT US

 - C. HOW DO THEY REVEAL OR POINT TO JESUS?