

ECCLESIASTES 2

ECCLESIASTES 2:1

1 ¶ I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also *is* vanity.

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2 I said of laughter, *It is* mad: and of mirth, What doeth it?

ECCLESIASTES 2:3

3 I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what *was* that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

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4 I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards:

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5 I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all *kind of* fruits:

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6 I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees:

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7 I got *me* servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me:

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8 I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

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9 So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.

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10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour.

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11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that

I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and *there was* no profit under the sun.

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12 ¶ And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what *can* the man *do* that cometh after the king? *even* that which hath been already done.

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13 Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness.

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14 The wise man's eyes *are* in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness: and I myself perceived also that one event happeneth to them all.

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15 Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also *is* vanity.

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16 For *there is* no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now *is* in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise *man?* as the fool.

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17 ¶ Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun *is* grievous unto me: for all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

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18 Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me.

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19 And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise *man* or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed myself wise under the sun. This *is* also vanity.

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20 Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labour which I took under the sun.

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21 For there is a man whose labour *is* in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity; yet to a man that hath not laboured therein shall he leave it *for* his portion. This also *is*

vanity and a great evil.

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22 For what hath man of all his labour, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath laboured under the sun?

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23 For all his days *are* sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity.

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24 *There is* nothing better for a man, *than* that he should eat and drink, and *that* he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it *was* from the hand of God.

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25 For who can eat, or who else can hasten *hereunto*, more than I?

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26 For God giveth to a man that *is* good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to *him that is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.