

**HIS SOUL IS NOT SATISFIED WITH GOODNESS**

Eccl. 6:1-6

**FURTHER DISMAL OBSERVATIONS**

“There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it *is* common among men:...” Eccl. 6:1

“This *is* vanity, and it *is* an evil affliction.” Eccl. 6:2

1. It is an evil / unfortunate thing that afflicts the soul
2. This is seen as a common thing
3. This must have been observed many times by Solomon

**GOD DOES NOT GIVE HIM THE POWER TO EAT OF IT**

“A man to whom God has given riches and wealth and honor, so that he lacks nothing for himself of all he desires; yet God does not give him power to eat of it, but a foreigner consumes it.” Eccl. 6:2

1. Previously, Solomon had written about the gift of God Eccl. 5:19
  - a. God has given to one riches and wealth
  - b. He has given them the power to eat of it.
  - c. He can rejoice in his labour
2. In this passage, it is the opposite.
3. God has given a man everything in life
4. But He does not give him power to eat of it

**THE SOUL IS NOT SATISFIED WITH GOODNESS**

“If a man begets a hundred *children* and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his soul is not satisfied with goodness, or indeed he has no burial, I say *that* a stillborn child *is* better than he— for it comes in vanity and departs in darkness, and its name is covered with darkness. Though it has not seen the sun or known *anything*, this has more rest than that man, even if he lives a thousand years twice—but has not seen goodness. Do not all go to one place?” Eccl. 6:3-6

1. A hypothetical / exaggerated argument
  - a. If a man begets a hundred children
  - b. He lives many years
2. Yet his soul is discontented
  - a. His souls is not satisfied with God’s goodness
  - b. Indeed he has no burial
3. Comparison
  - a. It is better to be a stillborn child
  - b. To not be born at all

- c. It comes in vanity and it departs in darkness
  - e. It's name is covered with darkness
  - f. Though it has not seen the sun or known anything
  - g. It has more rest than the man
    - i. Who lived 2000 years
    - ii. But has not appreciated goodness
4. In the end, we all will go to the same place - Death