

THE PREACHER SOUGHT TO FIND ACCEPTABLE WORDS

Eccl. 12:9-12

SOLOMON AS THE PREACHER

1. The words of the preacher, the son of David in Jerusalem Eccl. 1:1
2. The preacher says “Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.” Eccl. 1:2
3. I, the preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem Eccl. 1:12
4. The Preacher Eccl. 7:27
 - a. Adding one thing to another to find out the reason
 - b. Finding out the conclusion of it
 - c. Collating of information and concluding
5. Ends with the same dismal conclusion Eccl. 12:8

THE PREPARATION OF THE PREACHER

“And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; Yes, he pondered and sought out *and* set in order many proverbs. The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and *what was* written *was* upright—words of truth. The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd. And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books *there is* no end, and much study *is* wearisome to the flesh.” Eccl. 12:9-12

1. Goals
 - a. To pass on wisdom
 - b. To teach Knowledge
 - c. To admonish
2. The process
 - a. Pondering
 - b. Sorting out
 - c. Setting in order
3. Finding the right words
 - a. Acceptable words
 - b. Upright words
 - c. Words of truth
4. Teaching effectively
 - a. Goads
 - b. Well-driven nails

4. Source
 - a. Given by One Shepherd
 - b. The Lord God as Shepherd Psalm 23, 28:9
 - c. The source of such teachings is from the Lord Himself
5. Studying and writing
 - a. Wearisome
 - b. No end to writing books

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Understanding the process of ascertaining truths
2. Finding acceptable words
3. Learning to communicate well Bible truths
4. Application to life