

## After the Wind, part 1: Chasing the Wind (Discipleship Series)

I observed everything going on under the sun, and really,  
it is all MEANINGLESS—like chasing the wind.

Ecclesiastes 1:14 (NLT)

Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again...

John 4:13-14a (NIV)

*Are you living under the sun  
or under heaven?*

I wanted to see what was worthwhile for men to do  
UNDER HEAVEN during the few days of their lives.

Ecclesiastes 2:3b (NIV)

There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity UNDER HEAVEN:

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)

Ecclesiastes 3:12-14 (NIV) ...this is the GIFT of God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7 (NIV)

Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 (NLT)

### Study Guide



Hebrews 12:2 (NIV) Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Ecclesiastes 1:13-14 (NIV) I devoted myself to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under heaven. What a heavy burden God has laid on men! 14 I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11 (NIV) I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my work, and this was the reward for all my labor. 11 Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 (NIV) Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him — for this is his lot. 19 Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work — this is a gift of God. 20 He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart.

Ecclesiastes 3:9-11 (NIV) What does the worker gain from his toil? 10 I have seen the burden God has laid on men. 11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 5:12 (NIV) The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 (NIV) Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

Romans 14:17 (NIV) For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit...

Colossians 1:13-14 (NLT) For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son,

Ephesians 2:19-20 (NLT) So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Ecclesiastes 12:14 (NIV) For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.