

## Questions On Ecclesiastes 6

1. We have before seen in the book discussions of the acquisition of wealth (2:4-10; 4:4). However, what makes it a “vanity” according to verse 2 of this chapter?
  - a) Unlike how the men of 5:8 & 10 obtained their wealth, how did the man of 6:2 obtain his wealth?
  - b) And unlike the man of 5:18-20, how did the man of 6:2 use his wealth or benefit from it?
2. Who is better than the man who has a hundred children and lives many years but does not enjoy the fruits of his labor? (v. 3)
  - a) How is his age expanded in verse 6?
  - b) Why might a man receive no burial?
  - c) Who received no burial in 2 Kings 9:35-37 and what is it considered to receive no burial?
3. Verses 4 and 5 describe a stillborn child. What advantage does he have over the miserly man of verse 3?
4. What is the “place” that they both go to? (6)
5. Verse 8 contrasts what types of people?

6. What two types or uses of “sight” are discussed in verse 9?
  
7. Verse 10 reminds us of 1:9 and 3:15, but Solomon adds a point. What condition cannot be changed according to this verse?
  - a) He also mentions the futility of contending with one mightier than man. Who is that?
  
  - b) How does Paul illustrate this futility in Romans 9:20-21?
  
8. Like the earlier passages that evaluate accomplishments in the absence of religion and divine service, Verse 11 repeats the point but says there are “many things” that result in what condition?
  
9. Solomon asks “who knows what is good for man to do” (v. 12). We should remember that he had answered this question in 5:18-20, just before this chapter (and in 3:13 and 2:26). So, “who” *does* know and “who” *does not* know?
  - a) As for the last question in verse 12, who alone knows the future?