



Take Pleasure in the Moments God Serves Up

Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

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Guest Speaker:

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Setting the Context:

- the writer confronts us with -
- the vapourousness of human achievement
- the elusiveness of the world
- the fleetingness of fame and fortune
- the perplexities and paradoxes of life

Sermon Notes

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What are we to do?

1. FIND PLEASURE IN THE SIMPLE THINGS OF LIFE—v. 18a

-there is a sanctity about both the extraordinary and the ordinary.

2. FIND PLEASURE IN THE GRIND OF LIFE—v. 18b

-let joy be our defiant “nevertheless”

3. FIND PLEASURE IN THE TIME YOU HAVE—v.18c

“Enjoyment cannot be stored for winter; it must be eaten before it spoils” - Jamieson

4. FIND PLEASURE IN SEEING LIFE AS GOD’S GIFT—V.19

“Open our hands and allow what is received to be itself and come and go as its nature impels and its Giver intends”

5. FIND PLEASURE IN BEING SO OCCUPIED WITH JOY THAT LIFE FLIES BY—v.20

“Resolved-to endeavor to obtain for myself as much happiness in the world as I possibly can”