



# Under the Sun

**Ecclesiastes 1:1-3**

# The Teacher

- The Hebrew word translated “*teacher*” means “*one who assembles or one who gathers.*”
- It is generally believed that Ecclesiastes was written by Solomon.
- Solomon was the only person qualified to write such a book.
- God granted Solomon a wise and discerning heart making him known as the wisest man in all of history.
- Although Solomon started out strong, he did not end his life strong as he disappointed God.
- Solomon probably wrote Proverbs at the beginning of his life, then Song of Songs at midlife, and finally Ecclesiastes.

# A Book for Today

- **Ecclesiastes is a negative-sounding book.**
- **Most commentators think Ecclesiastes is one of the most relevant books in the entire Bible.**
- **We can no longer assume that people believe in God.**
- **Not only has culture turned its back on God, but it has rejected any thought of absolute truth.**
- **Trying to find meaning apart from God is a fruitless endeavor.**

# A Warning

- **After you have used every bit of energy to pursue some sort of enjoyment in life there is nothing left.**
- **How Proverbs begins, Ecclesiastes ends.**
- **Ecclesiastes is a relevant book for today because it speaks to the spirit of the age.**
- **We are being shaped by the spirit of the world, and we do not even know it.**
- **Ecclesiastes is not a book written for the world but as a warning for Christians.**
- **With all the things King Solomon had at his disposal, he did not have the full revelation of the goodness and grace of Jesus Christ.**

# Conclusion

- **This week read through the book of Ecclesiastes.**
- **Learn to contrast the negative life of living under the sun with the full life of living under Jesus Christ.**
- **Are you living a life under the Son of God, Jesus Christ, or pursuing things “under the sun”?**