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**“Passing Pleasure”**

*-Ecclesiastes 2:1-11-*

**Introduction:**

- What would satisfy you? To get to the next grade? To play that game? To be a little older? To have a certain person notice you? To see that new movie? To win that championship? To get that new iPhone? To spend more time with that pet? To eat that and drink this? To write a song? To have a certain person love you? To look perfect? To have everything peaceful at home? To graduate? To get into a good college? To get a scholarship? To throw a perfect party? To climb that mountain? To run that race? To finish college? To make a discovery? To marry the love of your life? To get a good job? To make a good amount of money? To have a house? To have your own family? To have your kids graduate? To have them go to college? To be a little younger? To have a long life? To stay healthy to the end? To see the world? To have a large inheritance to give? To see your grandkids' weddings? To die peacefully? To have all of this before you die?

Notes:

**Pleasure cannot provide the cure for life's conundrum!**

*In Ecclesiastes 2:1-11, we realize this through the pursuit, practices, and payoff of pleasure.*

**Pleasure Pursuit (vv. 1-2):**

- Solomon pursued pleasure \_\_\_\_\_.
- Solomon pursued \_\_\_\_\_ pleasures.

Notes:

**Pleasure Practices (vv. 3-9):**

- Solomon found escape through \_\_\_\_\_.
- Solomon found enjoyment through \_\_\_\_\_.
- Solomon found excitement through \_\_\_\_\_.
- Solomon found elevation through \_\_\_\_\_.

Notes:

**Pleasure Payoff (vv. 10-11):**

- The pleasure of the pursuit was the \_\_\_\_\_.
- After each passing pleasure comes \_\_\_\_\_.
- The realization was: it all is threefold \_\_\_\_\_.

Notes:

**Conclusion:**

*How should you view this short life?*

*"The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person."  
-- Ecclesiastes 12:13 --*