

**The man who had everything his heart could long for...
...but was still not satisfied!**

This is a true story.

He had it all, amazing good looks, expert knowledge in science, economics and politics, wealth so abundant to embarrass Bill Gates, and of course women of every color answering to all his sexual fantasies – yet this man was not satisfied!

Too good to be true I hear you say, what kind of a man is this – this just can't be real. Well, it is true and this man is Solomon, the most majestic ruler who ever lived, with 700 hundred wives and 300 concubines in his harem. This man had his own personal zoo with animals from all over the world. Hear what he says about himself as he reflected about his life:

'I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I acquired men and women singers and a harem as well – the delights of the heart of man. I became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before me. In all this my wisdom stayed with me. 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. 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 2:8-11 (NIV 1984)**

Are you like this man – seeking to have all that your eyes and your heart desire in this world? Are you seeking contentment in sex, alcohol, addictive drugs, rock and roll, personal career, or in magic. Solomon did it all in his incredible life but ended up confessing that it was 'a chasing after the wind'. At the end of his life filled with wanton and fruitless pleasure seeking, he counsels us all as follows:

'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. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.' **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (NIV 1984)**

Please, listen to the counsel of this man. He's been there and done it – and in his last days of regret, he penned down his thoughts and concluded by asking us 'to fear God and keep his commands'. Do you desire a living relationship with God today? Do you desire to renew your damaged relationship with God? All you need do is call on his Son, Jesus Christ, to come into your life.

Jesus says: *'Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.'* **Revelation 3: 20 (NIV 1984)**

To find meaning and contentment in this life, open your heart to Jesus with this simple prayer:

"Heavenly Father, have mercy on me, a sinner. I believe that Jesus, your Son, died on the cross so that I may now have forgiveness for my sins and eternal life; without Jesus in my heart my life is meaningless. I believe that you, Lord God, raised Him from the dead. Please Jesus, forgive my every sin, and come into my heart as my personal Lord and Savior today. I need you to guide me and be my friend. Amen"