

**CHASING THE WIND**  
Ecclesiastes 1:12-14 (NIV)  
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**I. SOLOMON'S SEARCH FOR THE MEANING OF LIFE. WHY AM I HERE?**

- A. "Under the sun"
- B. Short time frame, *Eccl. 2:3*
- C. God is on the shelf

**II. THE SEARCH BEGINS**

- A. Wisdom, 1:16-17
- B. Pleasure, 2:1
- C. Wine, 2:3
- D. Work, 2:4
- E. Wealth, 2:8
- F. Women, 2:8
- G. Power and fame, 2:9

**III. THE OBSERVATIONS OF HIS SEARCH**

- A. Life "under the sun" with "God on the shelf" is "meaningless".
  - 1. Vanity
  - 2. Empty
  - 3. "chasing the wind"
- B. Life isn't fair
- C. There is nothing "new under the sun"
- D. Life under the sun ends in death

**IV. THE RESULTS OF HIS EFFORTS - "NO SATISFACTION"**

- A. Frustration and disappointment
- B. Turned away from God
- C. Disobeyed God, *1 Kings 11:4-6*
- D. Solomon's Kingdom divided after his death, *1 Kings 11:11*

**V. SOLOMON'S CONCLUSION**

- A. There is more to life than what is under the sun
- B. Remember the Creator while you are young
- C. Fear God
- D. Keep His commandments
- E. God will judge us