

Ecclesiastes: Fear God and Enjoy his Gifts

Glenwood Community Church

Class 3 – Feb 18th, 2023

The purpose of this class is to: understand and internalize the message of Ecclesiastes and to learn how we fear God and enjoy the life that he gives us.

Review of last week

How does time enable us to enjoy the life God gives us?

Seasons come and seasons go (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

The desire for eternity in a limited world (Ecclesiastes 3:9-15)

Jesus and eternity

For Next Sunday

Read and Meditate on Ecclesiastes 3:16-22; 4:1-16

**Read the whole book of Ecclesiastes by March 26th

Chiastic Structure of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

In depicting the structure of the poem it is preferable to use + and – to indicate the “opposite activities” instead of “favorable/positive” vs. “unfavorable/negative”¹

A	+	–	(v. 2a)
A	+	–	(v. 2b)
B	–	+	(v. 3a)
B	–	+	(v. 3b)
B	–	+	(v. 4a)
B	–	+	(v. 4b)
B'	+	–	(v. 5a)
B'	+	–	(v. 5b)
B'	+	–	(v. 6a)
B'	+	–	(v. 6b)
A'	–	+	(v. 7a)
A'	–	+	(v. 7b)
C	+	–	(v. 8a)
C	–	+	(v. 8b)

¹ Craig Bartholomew, *Ecclesiastes*, 161