

## **Ecclesiastes Multiple Choice Test**

**1. What is the primary theme of Ecclesiastes?**

- A) Joy in life
- B) The vanity of worldly pursuits
- C) The importance of law
- D) The history of Israel

**2. Who is traditionally believed to be the author of Ecclesiastes?**

- A) Moses
- B) Solomon
- C) David
- D) Elijah

**3. How does Ecclesiastes 1:2 describe the vanity of life?**

- A) Everything is beautiful
- B) Everything is fleeting and meaningless
- C) Everything is eternal
- D) Everything is orderly

**4. According to Ecclesiastes 1:3, what does man seek?**

- A) Wealth
- B) Power
- C) The purpose of life
- D) Justice

**5. What does the phrase "under the sun" refer to in Ecclesiastes?**

- A) Heaven
- B) Earthly life
- C) The moon
- D) The tabernacle

**6. In Ecclesiastes 1:4, what is said about the earth's generations?**

- A) They are eternal
- B) They come and go, but the earth remains forever
- C) They are cursed
- D) They are insignificant

**7. How does Ecclesiastes 1:8 describe human toil?**

- A) As fulfilling and satisfying
- B) As wearisome and endless
- C) As easy and quick
- D) As unnecessary

**8. What is the "great problem" the Preacher discusses in Ecclesiastes?**

- A) The justice of God
- B) The meaning of life

- C) The laws of nature
- D) The history of Israel

**9. What does Ecclesiastes 2 say about pleasure and wealth?**

- A) They bring lasting happiness
- B) They are fleeting and vanity
- C) They are evil
- D) They are unimportant

**10. According to Ecclesiastes 2:11, how did the Preacher feel after all his pursuits?**

- A) Fulfilled and happy
- B) Disappointed and empty
- C) Angry with God
- D) Content and at peace

**11. What does Ecclesiastes 3:1 state about time?**

- A) There is a time for everything
- B) Time is eternal
- C) Time is meaningless
- D) Time is controlled by man

**12. Which of the following is NOT listed as a season in Ecclesiastes 3:2-8?**

- A) A time to love
- B) A time to hate
- C) A time to conquer
- D) A time to mourn

**13. How does Ecclesiastes 3:14 describe the work of God?**

- A) Unpredictable and confusing
- B) Perfect and unchangeable
- C) Limited and temporary
- D) Evil and corrupt

**14. In Ecclesiastes 4:1, what does the Preacher observe about oppression?**

- A) It is rare and insignificant
- B) Oppressed people cry out, but no one saves them
- C) Oppression is justified
- D) Oppression is only in the past

**15. What advice does Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 give about companionship?**

- A) To be alone
- B) Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their labor
- C) To avoid friends
- D) To trust only in wealth

**16. According to Ecclesiastes 5:1, what should one be cautious about when approaching God?**

- A) To offer many sacrifices

- B) To draw near with words rather than actions
- C) To be silent
- D) To recite prayers loudly

**17. What does Ecclesiastes 5:10 say about money?**

- A) Money is the root of all evil
- B) Those who love money will never be satisfied
- C) Money can buy happiness
- D) Money is unimportant

**18. According to Ecclesiastes 6:1-2, what is said about wealth and a man's soul?**

- A) Wealth prolongs life and happiness
- B) A man may have riches and nothing else, and his soul is not satisfied
- C) Wealth guarantees salvation
- D) Wealth is evil

**19. What does Ecclesiastes 7:1 say about a good name?**

- A) It is better than precious ointment
- B) It is insignificant
- C) It can be bought with wealth
- D) It lasts only a year

**20. How does Ecclesiastes 7:8 describe the end of a matter?**

- A) Better than its beginning
- B) The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit
- C) Sudden and unexpected
- D) Unimportant

**21. What does Ecclesiastes 8:1 say about wisdom and a man's face?**

- A) Wisdom makes a man's face to shine
- B) Wisdom hides a man's face
- C) Wisdom makes a man look older
- D) Wisdom has no effect on appearance

**22. According to Ecclesiastes 8:3, how should one respond if a ruler is angry with them?**

- A) Rebel immediately
- B) Leave your place but do not be hasty
- C) Fight back
- D) Ignore the ruler

**23. Ecclesiastes 9:1 states that the righteous and the wicked are in the hand of whom?**

- A) Themselves
- B) Themselves and luck
- C) God
- D) Society

**24. What does Ecclesiastes 9:2 say about the fate of the righteous and wicked?**

- A) They have different destinies
- B) They share the same fate—death
- C) The righteous never die
- D) The wicked are eternal

**25. According to Ecclesiastes 9:4, what is better than a dead dog?**

- A) A live lion
- B) A living dog
- C) A dead lion
- D) A wealthy man

**26. What does Ecclesiastes 9:5 teach about the dead?**

- A) They are aware of everything
- B) They know nothing and have no reward
- C) They are in heaven
- D) They continue to work

**27. How does Ecclesiastes 9:10 suggest we should approach our work?**

- A) With minimal effort
- B) With all our might
- C) Only when inspired
- D) Only after prayer

**28. Ecclesiastes 9:11 states that success is determined by what?**

- A) Strength and speed
- B) Wisdom alone
- C) Time and chance
- D) Wealth and power

**29. According to Ecclesiastes 9:12, when do humans often face danger?**

- A) During the day
- B) When they least expect it, at an evil time
- C) Only in old age
- D) When they are wealthy

**30. What story is told in Ecclesiastes 9:13-16?**

- A) A wise man who built a city
- B) A small city saved by a poor wise man
- C) A king who conquered all
- D) A prophet's vision

**31. Why does the preacher say wisdom is better than strength in Ecclesiastes 9:16?**

- A) Because wisdom can be bought
- B) Because wisdom is more lasting and effective

- C) Because strength is evil
- D) Because wisdom is easier to obtain

**32. Ecclesiastes 9:17 compares the words of wise men to what?**

- A) Thunder and lightning
- B) Goats and nails that hold the community together
- C) Gold and silver
- D) Fire and water

**33. What does Ecclesiastes 9:18 say about wisdom and weapons of war?**

- A) Wisdom is better than weapons, but one sinner can destroy much good
- B) Weapons are more powerful than wisdom
- C) Wisdom and weapons are equal
- D) Wisdom is useless in war

**34. Ecclesiastes 10:1 states that dead flies cause what?**

- A) A foul smell in ointment
- B) Joy to the heart of man
- C) Prosperity in life
- D) Wisdom to fade

**35. According to Ecclesiastes 10:4, what should you do if the spirit of a ruler is against you?**

- A) Fight back
- B) Leave your place and stay calm
- C) Ignore them
- D) Compliment them

**36. What does Ecclesiastes 10:8 say about digging a pit?**

- A) You will find treasure
- B) You may fall into it yourself
- C) It is a waste of time
- D) It is forbidden

**37. How does Ecclesiastes 11:2 advise dividing resources?**

- A) Keep everything for yourself
- B) Give to many, because you do not know what will prosper
- C) Give only to the rich
- D) Save all your wealth for later

**38. Ecclesiastes 11:4 teaches that waiting for perfect conditions can lead to what?**

- A) Success
- B) Procrastination and missed opportunities
- C) Wealth
- D) Wisdom

**39. What is the "conclusion of the whole matter" in Ecclesiastes 12:13?**

- A) Wealth is everything

- B) Fear God and keep His commandments
- C) Pursue pleasure
- D) Live for yourself

**40. What will God bring into judgment according to Ecclesiastes 12:14?**

- A) Only the wicked
- B) Every work, including secret things—good and evil
- C) Only the outward actions
- D) Only spiritual matters

**41. Ecclesiastes 12:1 encourages young people to remember whom?**

- A) Their parents
- B) Their Creator
- C) Their friends
- D) Their ancestors

**42. In Ecclesiastes 12:6, what is symbolized by the "silver cord"?**

- A) Wealth
- B) The life or spirit of a person
- C) Marriage
- D) The church

**43. How does Ecclesiastes 12:8 describe life?**

- A) As meaningful and everlasting
- B) As vanity and fleeting
- C) As full of happiness
- D) As full of riches

**44. Ecclesiastes 12:9 emphasizes that the Preacher did what?**

- A) Bought many possessions
- B) Sought to teach knowledge and set in order many proverbs
- C) Built a great palace
- D) Became a prophet

**45. According to Ecclesiastes 12:12, what is a warning about many books?**

- A) They bring wisdom
- B) They cause confusion and weariness
- C) They are unimportant
- D) They are the way to salvation

**46. What is the main takeaway of Ecclesiastes 12:13-14?**

- A) Wealth is the goal of life
- B) Living righteously before God is essential because of divine judgment
- C) Happiness is more important than righteousness
- D) Life has no purpose

**47. What does Ecclesiastes say about human effort and divine sovereignty?**

- A) Effort is unnecessary
- B) Human effort is meaningless without God's blessing
- C) Effort is more important than God
- D) Human effort can replace divine will

**48. According to Ecclesiastes, what is the ultimate goal of life?**

- A) To accumulate riches
- B) To enjoy pleasures without guilt
- C) To fear God and keep His commandments
- D) To seek fame and glory

**49. What does the phrase "vanity of vanities" mean?**

- A) Life is beautiful
- B) Life is ultimately meaningless without God
- C) Life is eternal
- D) Life is full of riches

**50. How does Ecclesiastes suggest we should approach life?**

- A) With fear and reverence for God, enjoying His gifts and living wisely
  - B) By pursuing pleasure at all costs
  - C) By accumulating wealth
  - D) By ignoring divine principles
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