

Sermon Outline 6.15.08

Ecclesiastes 2:17-26

1. The excellence of work under God's design

2. The emptiness of work under the curse (vv.17-23)
 - a. The emptiness of work when it stands alone (v.17)
 - b. The emptiness of work when you leave it behind (vv.18-21)
 - c. The emptiness of work at the end of the day (vv.22-23)

3. The enjoyment of work under God's hand and before God's face (vv.24-26)
 - a. Living and working by faith under the hand of God (vv.24-25)

 - b. Living and working by faith before the face of God (v.26)
 - i. "Works done by unregenerate men, although, for the matter of them, they may be things which God commands, and of good use both to themselves and others; yet, because they proceed not from a heart purified by faith; nor are done in a right manner, according to the Word; nor to a right end, the glory of God; they are therefore sinful, and cannot please God, or make a man meet to receive grace from God. And yet, their neglect of them is more sinful and displeasing unto God."
(Westminster Confession of Faith 16.7)