



HEART HUNGER **“Heart Ache” Ecclesiastes**

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The devil is a master of **delusion**. His biggest lie is: Everything is all right. He is also a master of **illusion**, which says everything you need is here and now. And he is a master of **confusion**, which says God will turn a blind eye to injustice, so go ahead and let the world cry.

I. Heart Ache.

A. Searching for satisfaction.

Getting what I want; wanting what I get. I denied myself nothing that my heart desired. 2:10

So I hated life. All is meaningless to me, a chasing after the wind. 2:17

1. A culture of self. 2:1-11

2. A must-have society. 5:10

3. Promising what it can't deliver. 2:1, 3

The ability to enjoy all of God's good gifts is a gift in itself. The idea of “gain” (surplus) producing joy in Ecclesiastes is non-existent. 5:9-20

B. Searching for significance.

Judgment is a compliment: He will bring every deed into judgment. 12:14

1. Injustice in the courts. 8:14 & 3:16

2. Graft in the marketplace. 4:4.

3. Violence in the streets. 4:1

Meaning and purpose in life are to be found in sacrifice and service.

C. Searching for security.

Death is an evangelist: Better to go to the house of mourning than to a feast, for death is the destiny of every man. 7:2

1. The ground is level in the graveyard. 12:5

2. Death is inevitable; the living should take this to heart. 12:3-4

II. Heart Song.

A. The Spirit returns to God who gave it. 12:7

B. There is a heaven to go to, and there is a Christ to take you there. You just have to ask.

C. Response: He will make everything beautiful in its time. 3:11

PRAYER RESPONSE: Lord, my heart is hungry, lonely, and hurt. I have been looking for help for a long time. I need you to forgive me, fill me with your Spirit, and heal my broken heart. Please, Lord, invade my life right now. And may I know your presence, sense your grace, and experience the assurance of your peace. Amen.