

SERMON TEXT - ECCLESIASTES 11

1 Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days.

2 Give a portion to seven, or even to eight,
for you know not what disaster may happen on earth.

3 If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves on the earth,
and if a tree falls to the south or to the north,
in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.

4 He who observes the wind will not sow,
and he who regards the clouds will not reap.

5 As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.

6 In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

7 Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

8 So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

9 Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

10 Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

NAVIGATING LIFE UNDER THE SUN

ECCLESIASTES 11:1-10

Theme: *How do we live?* In the knowledge that God is our Maker

#1 Live Boldly

A. *Diversify Your Portfolio* (v. 1-2)

B. *Weathermen Aren't Always Right (But God Is)* (v. 5-6)

#2 Live Joyfully

A. *Above the Sun Joy* (v. 7-8)

B. *Remain Young At Heart* (v. 9-10)

Other Passages

Isaiah 43:1 *But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.*

Proverbs 3:5 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

John 3:5 *Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.... 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."*

John 1:4 *In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*