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Christ in Every Chapter

#MC43

Ecclesiastes – Song of Solomon

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Ecclesiastes

CHAPTER 1

Verse 1: **“The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.”** Jesus Christ meets all three descriptions.

Verse 18: **“For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.”** Jesus had more wisdom than any man ever born. Consequently, He was a “man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,” according to Isaiah 53:3, which just happens to be the only other verse in the Bible that contains the words “sorrows” and “grief.”

CHAPTER 2

Verse 9: **“So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.”** This will be true of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Millennial Kingdom.

Verse 26: **“For God giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy. . .”** The Father gave all three of these to His Son more than to any other man ever.

CHAPTER 3

Verse 8: **“A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.”** Christ’s love was manifest at Calvary. His hate toward evil will be displayed at the Second Coming (Isa. 63:1-6),

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which is also “a time of war”. Then there will be a “time of peace” when the Prince of Peace rules from His throne in Jerusalem.

Verse 14: **“I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.”** So, our salvation in Christ is forever (John 10:28-29). Nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it.

CHAPTER 4

Verses 13-14: **“Better is a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished. For out of prison he cometh to reign; whereas also he that is born in his kingdom becometh poor.”** The poor and wise child is Jesus, being born into a humble carpenter’s family, and the old and foolish king is Herod. This child will soon reign over the kingdoms of the world, yet Herod has been poor in hell for the past two thousand years.

CHAPTER 5

Verse 2: **“Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.”** So, in the gospels, we don’t see Jesus making vows before the Father (If you’ll do this, then I’ll do that, etc.). He simply lives a humble life in full obedience to the word of God and trusts the Father in all things. Furthermore, at the end of His ministry, Jesus became very limited with His words, sometimes saying nothing (Isa. 53:7; Mat. 26:63; 27:12-14; I Pet. 2:23).

CHAPTER 6

Verse 6: **“Yea, though he live a thousand years twice told, yet hath he seen no good: do not all go to one place?”** Adam Clark says the verse is basically saying, “It is better to see what one desires than to covet what one knows not.” If that’s the meaning, then we have a good reference to the Second Coming of Christ because we most certainly are going to see Him (I John 3:2; Rev. 1:7), which is far better than being among the millions who will never see what they hope for in vain (winning the lottery, escaping hell with good works, their loved ones in heaven, etc.).

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CHAPTER 7

Verse 18: **"It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all."** No one ever feared God the Father more than Jesus Christ. In fact, in His humanity and humility, His fear of the Father empowered Him to never yield to sin even once. Therefore, Jesus came forth from the grave unlike everyone before Him. He came forth of them all. His name also comes forth of them all in praise, reverence, and worship (Phi. 2:9).

CHAPTER 8

Verse 4: **"Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?"** So it was when Jesus spoke during His earthly ministry, and so it will be when He returns. Millions of people have their arguments all prepared, thinking that Christ will be influenced by their excuses and accusations, yet His very presence is so powerful that every mouth will be stopped and found guilty (Rom. 3:19).

CHAPTER 9

Verses 7-8: **"Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works. Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment."** Our "bread" is Jesus Christ, the "bread that came down from heaven" (John 6:50-51), which allows us to have the "joy" of salvation. The white garments of verse eight point to the righteousness of Christ that every Christian possesses (Isa. 61:10; Rev. 7:13-14).

CHAPTER 10

Verse 12: **"The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself."** The wise man is Jesus Christ. The gracious words are found in Luke 4:22: **"And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?"**

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CHAPTER 11

Verse 1: **“Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.”** The gospel of Jesus Christ is like bread (John 6:35, 48), and the waters symbolize the lost multitudes of this world (Rev. 17:15; Isa. 57:20).

CHAPTER 12

Verse 7: **“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.”** So Jesus said, **“Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit”** (Luke 23:46).

Verse 11: **“The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.”** Jesus is called a “nail” and a “shepherd” in the Bible (Isa. 22:23; John 10:14).

Verse 14: **“For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.”** When God brings every work into judgment, all men will be judged by Jesus Christ (Rom. 2:16; John 5:22).