

Verses were discussed individually. These notes contain the verses discussed and some brief discussion summary.

1:18 - Discussed the link between wisdom and vexation. Andy DeRolf noted that harder classes can lead to greater wisdom.

7:3 - "Sorrow is better than laughter..." We questioned the truth in this, yet did not come to a decision.

2:2-3 – Narrator cheers his body with wine

2:14-16 – Wise or foolish, death treats all equally

1:4 – Earth keeps turning through the generations

7:16-18 – One shouldn't be too righteous

12:13 – One should fear God and obey his commandments

1:9-10 – Everything's already been done, nothing new will happen. Someone noted that this seemed rather depressing in relation to the rather upbeat passages. We questioned the overall mood of Ecclesiastes and there was an argument over whether it was upbeat or cynical. Discussion included 3:1-9.

7:26-28 – "I found more bitter than death the woman who is a trap, whose heart is snares and nets..." We discussed whether or not this was metaphorical, yet concluded it actually meant a woman.

6:1 – Passage implies one should be thankful and enjoy life. We questioned if the narrator was enjoying his life, and concluded that he probably was. Passage 11:9 indicates he did whatever he wanted.

Discussion then spiraled into a debate over why good things don't always happen to good people. We also questioned whether or not humans are animals, but basically concluded we are not.