



# *Mist Education*

## *A Study of Ecclesiastes 4*

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Introduction: We are currently engaged in a series of lessons on the book of Ecclesiastes. We have studied about how the Bible compares our life to dust, grass, shadow, vapor, breath, and a mist (a puff of air). James says, “*Your life is like a mist. You can see it for a short time, but then it goes away*” (James 4:14). Solomon is helping us to see we can’t grasp this little mist (puff of air). We can’t hold that mist in our hand. We can’t suck it back in or blow it out infinitely. The mist is only there for a short time and then it fades away. What should we do with our mist? We need to take advantage of the mist opportunities we have been given! Let’s study together...

Discussion:

### *Mist Opportunity #1 = No Pain, No Gain (vs.1-3)*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Psalm 6, 13, 18, 23, 25, 27, 31, 32, 34, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 46, 51, 55, 62, 63, 69, 71, 73, 77, 84,, 90, 91, 94, 95, 103, 104, 107, 110, 116, 118, 121, 123, 124, 130, 138, 139, 141, 142, 143, 146, 147, Jonah 2:2-9, 4:3, 8-9, Genesis 15, Job, Jeremiah, I Kings 19, I Samuel 16:14-23, II Corinthians 12:7-10, Matthew 26:39, I Corinthians 10:13

### *Mist Opportunity #2= Don’t Make Good Advice a Bad Thing (vs.4-6)*

Proverbs 10:26, Proverbs 12:11, Proverbs 12:24, Proverbs 12:27, Proverbs 13:4, Proverbs 14:4, Proverbs 14:23, Proverbs 15:19, Proverbs 16:26, Proverbs 18:9, Proverbs 19:15, Proverbs 19:24, Proverbs 20:4, Proverbs 20:13, Proverbs 21:5, Proverbs 21:25, Proverbs 22:13, Proverbs 24:30-34, Proverbs 31:10-31.

### *Mist Opportunity #3= Raise The Bar (vs.7-16)*

Proverbs 18:22, Philippians 3:12-14, Romans 12:16, Colossians 3:2, Hebrews 11-12, Matthew 6:33

Conclusion: We need to take advantage of mist opportunities! Don’t let them pass you by. Do you need prayer? Do you need to revive your life? Do you need to re-examine your live through the eyes of our Savior? Your life is a mist. What will you do with it? Are you living for this life or the next one? Remember that the “whole” of man is to fear God and keep His commandments. Will you give your whole heart, soul, mind and strength to the Lord?