



# *Mist Understanding*

## *A Study of Ecclesiastes*

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Introduction: Just recently we completed a study on the “Fear of the Lord” that took us through the month of August. In that series we considered many passages of Scripture that remind us of who God is, what He has done in the past, what He is doing at this present time, and what He has promised to do in the future. That study kept bringing us back to the wisdom of Solomon and the book of Ecclesiastes. Let’s study together...

Discussion:

### *I. Seeking & Finding the Answers*

The Beginning (Ecclesiastes 1:12-14)

The End (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)

The Middle

### *II. Not Pessimism, or Optimism, but Realism*

Reality #1 = We all have an expiration date.

Hebrews 9:27, Numbers 32:13, Psalm 90:1-6

Reality #2 = We must choose how we view life and death.

Romans 8:18, Philippians 1:21, Philippians 3:14, II Timothy 4:6-8

Reality #3 = We need to count our days so our days will count.

Psalm 90:7-12, Psalm 39:4, Revelation 1:8, 22:13, Psalm 39:4-7

Conclusion: Look at the metaphors used in reference to “life.” The Scriptures compare life to dust, grass, shadow, vapor, breath, and mist. James says, “*Your life is like a mist. You can see it for a short time, but then it goes away*” (James 4:14). We are going to study the book of Ecclesiastes to help us seek a mist understanding. Are you living for this life or the next one? 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?