

Shattering the Illusions
Ecclesiastes 2:1-26
The Divine Disruption, 2
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Review, 1:1-18

God desires to disrupt us through shattering our illusions that ... 2:1-23

... pleasure can give us a lasting satisfaction. 2:1-11

"I said of laughter, 'It is mad,' and of pleasure, 'what use is it?'"

... living wisely can give us a lasting legacy. 2:12-17

"Then I said in my heart, 'What happens to the fool will happen to me also.'"

... hard work can produce enjoyment. 2:18-23

"I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun"

God desires for us to see all of life in the context of His sovereignty. 2:24-26

"There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God"

1. This leads us to ask a different set of questions.
"for apart from Him who can eat of who can have enjoyment?"

2. This leads us to a place of surrender.
"God has given ..."

Quote:

"Only kings and the elite few who surrounded them in the ancient world could hope to fashion their environments to some extent after their own whim and liking. Most people faced a harsh reality every day, which allowed no self-deception about human nature and destiny. Modern life in the West, however, is full to the brim with illusion and delusion, as we are constantly told that there are gains to be made that will radically alter life itself." Iain Provan