

Listening Guide
Episode 2- Ecclesiastes
“Hevel, Sukkot, Justice and Joy!”

1. We situated the book by claiming it was either written by King Solomon of the Old Testament or at least in the _____ of King Solomon.
2. It discusses difficult things, _____ innate in the human experience, what we call dualities.
3. Everything is _____; everything is fluctuating; existence itself is incessant change.
4. Qoheleth explains life in terms of a _____ God.
5. God according to Qoheleth means the existence of a _____ God who oversees the lives of man.
6. “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his _____. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up.”
7. *Sukkot* is a week-long, Jewish _____ that comes five days after Yom Kippur.
8. *Sukkot* is one of the three, great, _____ festivals of the Jewish year.
9. _____ is still in a state of constant change and uncertainty, and so *Sukkot's* in the backyards of people's houses are a physical reminder of the spiritual truth.
10. What we see in the book of Ecclesiastes, and we can actually see this in the English translation without a lot of trouble, is that there are two kinds of _____.
11. Interestingly enough though, when we see the term for the works of God in *Ecclesiastes*, the word *amal* is not the word used. Instead we see a different word, the word for _____ is *maaseh*.
12. Labor, even intensive labor, can be worth it when we add a _____ element to it.
13. “Sweep streets so well that all the _____ of Heaven and Earth will have to pause and say, ‘here lived a great street sweeper who swept his job well.’”
14. “Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy _____ in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God.”

15. There is _____ in creative work and Qoheleth tells us the reason it makes us feel good is because we feel the divine hand working in our lives and rewarding that which is good inside of us.
16. “_____ without work is a thing which in this life one cannot endure.”
17. The role of _____ is used in this book almost to create a dialogue.
18. “There is one alone, without companion: He has neither son nor brother. Yet there is no end to all his labors, nor is his eye satisfied with _____.
19. We see these first-person passages switch from talking about his personal experience to the second person where he gives practical advice on how to keep our _____ level down.
20. “If you see the _____ of the poor, and the violent perversion of justice and righteousness in a province, do not marvel at the matter; for high official watches over high official, and higher officials are over them.”
21. The economy of God, the rules of the universe, do have a sense of fairness, do have a sense of _____, I guess should say, but it's not ours.
22. And God’s gift to man is not ultimately the gift of _____; it’s the gift of work.
23. In fact, the execution of justice is not the proof of the _____ of God that we are all inclined to believe. o d c a s t
24. If you want to see how God intends to make your life _____, which He does, don’t look to figuring out God or His creative output. I READ. I THINK. I AM.
25. Remember your _____. Fear Him.
26. *Ecclesiastes* says, the more we know, the more _____ we invite into our lives.
27. “Fear God and keep His _____, for this is man’s all.”
28. Qoheleth has zero interest in the _____.
29. It’s [merismus] when you state polar _____ as a way of embracing everything in between.
30. “I know that there is nothing better for them than to _____, and to do good in one's lifetime.”