

# **“In Search of Satisfaction”**

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 ↔ June 4, 2006

*“I can't get no satisfaction...Cause I try and I try and I try and I try...”*  
**The Rolling Stones**

## ◆ **Where do we struggle?**

1. By thinking we can find meaning in life rather than in God.
2. By looking to pessimism or optimism for lasting satisfaction.

## 1. **An Anonymous Author: *Is it Solomon?* (1)**

- *Qoheleth* = Teacher, Preacher, Leader of the Assembly

## 2. **A Sweeping Conclusion: *All is Meaningless!* (2)**

- *Hebel* = meaningless, vain, empty, futile, worthless

## 3. **A Guiding Question: *Is anything worthwhile?* (3)**

- “*under the sun*” = earthbound, worldly, temporal

## 4. **An Endless Cycle: *Brevity and Monotony!* (4-8)**

- Apparent change disguises actual sameness

## 5. **An Absence of Newness: *Only Emptiness!* (9-11)**

- A lack of satisfaction, novelty, and remembrance

## ◆ **Gospel Applications:**

1. If there is nothing but nothing under the sun, then our only hope must be above it!
2. If a man who had everything, investigated everything visible, then the one thing needed must be invisible.