

Embrace Life Under the Sun

Study Questions

Chapter 2

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1. Which names for God does Solomon use in Ecclesiastes and why?
2. Is everything Ecclesiastes says about God based on what Solomon observed in creation (general revelation)?
3. As you learn more about Scripture, are you ever frustrated by the realization that your thoughts continue to be focused more on pleasing yourself than on pleasing God?
4. In light of our “tendency to invent plans that are contrary to God’s will,” how can we avoid despair?

5. How does belief in evolution prevent a person from having the view of life pictured in the diagram on page 36?

6. What verse does Jaeggli identify as the key verse of the book of Ecclesiastes? What are his reasons for choosing this verse?

7. How would you describe “the joy of contentment”?

8. As illustrated by the story of Suzie and the roses, what must you have in order to fully enjoy the gifts God gives?

9. Does God ever plan calamity for certain people? Why do you think He would do so?

10. How can you strike a balance between “paralyzing pessimism” and “stupefying optimism”? (p. 57)

11. How should a person respond to Solomon’s famous poem in Ecclesiastes 3:1–8?

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