

Scripture and Catechism Exercises 2021-2022

Exercise 2

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Old Testament

Read Ecclesiastes 1 and 2.

1. Write out a verse near the beginning that could be a summary of the Book's message. (3)

2. What reasons does Solomon give for saying that "much labour" is vanity? See verses 8, 9 & 11. (3)

3. Solomon was very wise.

- (a) Did he find satisfaction in his wisdom?

- (b) Find and write out a verse in chapter 1 where he sums up the outcome of his search for satisfaction in wisdom. (3)

4. How did Solomon try to find satisfaction in pleasure and material possessions? (See chapter 2:3-8) (6)

5. In verse 13 Solomon says that wisdom is better than folly. Why does he still say that wisdom is vanity? (See verses 14-16) (3)

6. Summarise in your own words what Solomon says in Ecclesiastes 8:14. (2)

7. The expression "under the sun" is often used in this book.

- (a) What do you think it means?

(b) Does it provide us a clue to where true satisfaction is to be found? (3)

8. Read Ecclesiastes 12:13-14.

(a) What conclusion does Solomon finally come to about how we should live our lives?

(b) What reason does he give for this? (4)

New Testament

Read John 14.

1. In verse 1 Jesus tells them not to be troubled. Why might they have been troubled? (Look at John 13:33) (2)

3. The disciples were poor and faced opposition and danger if they remained true to Jesus. In comparison Solomon lived an easy life with everything he could wish for. Who do you think lived a happier life and why? (3)

4. Look at the last verse of John 16. Are the disciples promised an easy life? Why should they be cheerful in spite of this? (2)

Memory Exercise

Learn by heart and write from memory the answer to Question 36 in the Shorter Catechism: What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification? (3)

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