

CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY

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OUTLINE OF SECTION 1

ECCLESIASTES

LESSON 1 | **On the book** 28 minutes

A | *Ecclesiastes – philosophy, anti-philosophy, or both?* 1:45

B | *Date* 4:04

C | *Author & title* 7:40

D | *Ecclesiastes as a book of Scripture* 11:19

1 | The Hebrew Bible

2 | Ecclesiastes vs. traditional Hebrew theology – retributive justice

3 | If justice is not guaranteed, why obey the law?

4 | If life does not reward, then what's the point?

E | *Character of the book*

1 | The nature of a text of wisdom, of ancient philosophy 19:48

2 | Its aimless structure 21:38

3 | Its 'contradictions' 23:16

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