

CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY

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OUTLINE OF SECTION 1

ECCLESIASTES

LESSON 2 **The meaning of vanity** 46 minutes

A | *Three central concepts*

1 | 'Under the sun' 0:08

2 | 'Gain' 2:24

3 | 'Vanity' 6:52

■ | *Aside on metaphorical language*

1 | Modern ideas of a 'better language' 10:34

2 | Metaphor 17:13

B | *Five resonances in the Hebrew word hebel (the reasons for calling things 'vain')* 21:49

C | *A departure from the outlook of other books of the Old Testament?* 32:10

D | *Vanity & purposeless in nature* 36:17

1 | Restlessness

2 | Purposelessness

PROPOSITION **1**

EVERYTHING ON EARTH WILL LET YOU DOWN
BECAUSE EARTHLY THINGS ARE ELUSIVE, FLEETING, &
ULTIMATELY DISSATISFYING

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