CHASING THE WIND

Coming to Terms with Reality - Part 1

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**John 10:10 (NIV) – Memory Verse**
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

**Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 – Scripture Reading**

Boredom. Monotony. The unchanging drag of life is an inescapable, undeniable reality. Just look around. How many people do you know who regularly wake up each morning motivated about the day? How many individuals genuinely enjoy their occupation? Or anticipate a new week with delight? Or feel challenged and excited about their marriage? Or insert creative ideas and activities into their day to keep life full of zest and enthusiasm? Aside from a few exceptional occasions, most folks’ live lives of quiet desperation. They see no future in their employment, little hope for their marriage, a lack of challenge in whatever pursuit they might undertake, and strong doubt that things will ever change. Life to most adults is nothing more than chasing the wind . . . empty, futile, purposeless, grinding boredom. Such is one’s existence “under the sun.” And to make matters worse, not even the alleged enjoyments bring lasting satisfaction — vacations, travel, cruises, extravagant possessions, sexual escapades, delicious food, booze, professional entertainment, and a dozen others. When the brief excitement ends, the inevitable monotony returns

**Lies the world tells us about life**

* **Laugh and the world laughs with you. Cry and cry alone.**
* **Every day and in every way our world is getting better and better**
* **There’s a light at the end of every tunnel**
* **Things are never as bad as they seem. So dream, dream, dream**

**The truth about existence-Life under the sun**

* **The world is corrupt, work is unfulfilling, and people are selfish**
* **Life apart from God is not a bowl of cherries**

**Practical ramifications of Solomon's words**

* If there is nothing but nothing "under the sun", **Our only hope must be beyond it**
* If the man who had everything investigated everything visible, then

**The one thing needed must be invisible**

**Few people have learned the secret of seeing the invisible and hearing the inaudible. All others are merely “chasing the wind.” Are you living beyond the sun, or are you chasing the wind?**