

## **THE UNSATISFIED SOUL**

Solomon used two different Hebrew words to describe the Unsatisfied Soul.

- Sabe (Eccl. 6:3) (kal impf) [to fulfill a desire] – this occurs before the experience.
- Male (Eccl. 6:7) (niphil impf) [to be full or satisfied] – this occurs after the experience.

These words are used with the negative (**lo / not**) **not satisfied or unsatisfied**.

In this lesson, Solomon mentioned five areas where the soul was unsatisfied without God and divine guidance – “Chasing after the Wind”.

We will use these five areas as an outline of our lesson text.

- Eccl. 6:1-2        riches, wealth, and honor
- Eccl. 6:3-5       children
- Eccl. 6:6         long life
- Eccl. 6:7-8       appetites of life
- Eccl. 6:9         experiences of life

Solomon discovered that the “good things of life” were Chasing after the Wind and vanity without God and divine guidance (Eccl. 6: 9).

**This lesson will study five aspects of the Unsatisfied Soul according to Solomon.**

### **1. Truly enjoying the “good things of life” comes with knowing and believing that God is their source (Eccl. 6: 1-2).**

The essence of God is 101 of basis doctrines (O, O, O, V S +R EL L, H, and I).

- Prevalence among men        (Eccl. 6:1)
- Problem with prosperity        (Eccl. 6:2)

The “good things of life” is neither a right nor a guarantee to the believer but rather a gift from God (Eccl. 5:18-20; 6:3).

“Here is what I have seen to be good and fitting.” (Eccl. 5:18-20)

- God’s reward        (Eccl. 5:18)
- God’s riches        (Eccl. 5:19)
- God’s rejoicing        (Eccl. 5:20)

### **2. Without God giving meaning, value, guidance, and purpose to the “good things of life,” become vanity and Chasing after the Wind (Eccl. 6: 2, 9; 3:12-14).**

“What the eyes see is better than what the soul desires. This is vanity and a chasing after the wind.” (Eccl. 6: 9)

“For who knows what is good for a man during his lifetime, during the few years of his futile life? He will spend them like a shadow. For who can tell a man what will be after him under the sun?” (Eccl. 6: 12)

**3. The person who rejects or forgets that God is the source is a fool and his life is a miscarriage of meaning (Eccl. 6: 3-5).**

What is the heart aching problem in your life? When your problems are complicated, this is usually due to OMCD. NMDV will reduce them to simplicity (2 Cor.11: 3; 1 Cor.7: 34-35).

“If a man fathers a 100 children and lives many years, however many they be, but his soul is **not satisfied** with good things, and he does not even have a proper burial, then I say, ‘better the miscarriage than he.’” (Eccl. 6: 3)

Jesus taught this same biblical truth in parable recorded in Luke 12:15-21 (read).

- Possessed by possessions (Luke 12:15)
- Plans without the Planner (Luke 12:16-19)
- Future time verses eternity (Luke 12:20)

“So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, **and is not rich towards God.**” (Luke 12:21)

**4. Solomon began this lesson by explaining that one of man’s basis needs in life is to satisfy his desires.**

“There is an evil which I have seen under the sun and it is prevalent among men.” (Eccl. 6:1)

**Without God giving the “good things” of life value, purpose, meaning, divine guidance, and fulfillment, the “good things” will leave man’s soul unsatisfied**

“For who knows what is good for a man during his lifetime, during the few years of his futile life? He will spent them like a shadow. For who can tell a man what will be after him under the sun.” (Eccl. 6:12) Who holds all your tomorrow’s?

**5. Learning how to be satisfied or content in the believer’s soul requires NMDV grace orientation in the plan of God.**

“Not that I speak from want; **for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how** to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance **I have learned** the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do **all things** through Him who strengthens me.” (Phil.4:11-13)

“But **godliness** (he eusebeia) [completely devoted to God’s will with a desire to be well-pleasing] Heb.11:6; 13:20-21) actually is a means of great gain, **when accompanied by contentment**. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be **content** (Relaxed Mental Attitude (RMA) from Grace Orientation (G/O)” (1 Tim.6:6-8) (Eccl.5:15; Job 1:21)

The Greek word for **satisfied or content** is (arkeo). **Jesus told Paul** – “My grace is **sufficient (arkeo)** for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well pleased with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Cor.12:9-10) weak is astheneo / what is the opposite?)

**What essence of God is sufficient?** \_\_\_\_\_.

- Necessities and appetites of life change but God remains the same yesterday and today, yes forever (Heb.13: 8) **What essence of God is sufficient?** \_\_\_\_\_).

**WITHOUT GOD ENACTING AND ENGAGING IN THE BELIEVER’S LIFE, THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE WILL BE EMPTY AND MEANINGLESS AND A CHASING AFTER THE WIND.**