

Newsletter – Sunday 27th February 2022

Questions relating to Sermon

1. Discuss how the concept of idolatry fits in with the message of the Book of Ecclesiastes
2. Explore what needs to take place before we can engage with and enjoy the things of this world without them turning to 'vapor'
3. How has this study changed your perspective on prayer for God's blessing on your endeavours?
4. What insights have you gained into God's nature through this study?

Bible References

Reading: Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

Ecclesiastes 2: 24-25 'A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment?'

Ecclesiastes 3: 12-13 'I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God'.

Ecclesiastes 6:1-2 'I have seen another evil under the sun, and it weighs heavily on mankind: God gives some people wealth, possessions, and honor, so that they lack nothing their hearts desire, but God does not grant them the ability to enjoy them, and strangers enjoy them instead. This is meaningless, a grievous evil'.

Psalm 62:9-10 'Surely the lowborn are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie. If weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath. Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them'.

Isaiah 41:22-24 "Tell us, you idols, what is going to happen. Tell us what the former things were, so that we may consider them and know their final outcome. Or declare to us the things to come, tell us what the future holds, so we may know that you are gods. Do something, whether good or bad, so that we will be dismayed and filled with fear. But you are less than nothing and your works are utterly worthless; whoever chooses you is detestable'.

1 Corinthians 10:20 'Do I mean then that food sacrificed to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons'

Matthew 6:31-33 'So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well'

Haggai 1:5-9 'Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the Lord. "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the Lord Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house'.

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Baptist Mission Fellowship – you are welcome to come on Tuesday 1st of March, to learn and pray for the workers of our Baptist Overseas workers. We meet at 28E Roto O Rangi Road at 1.30pm

Thank you to Bruce Atkins – we thank God for the outstanding service of Bruce Atkins who finished his time as an elder at Cambridge Baptist in December 2021. Bruce will be remembered fondly for his dedication and faithfulness, never wanting to steal the limelight and just getting on with the task at hand, whether that was IT support, sound or wherever help was needed.

Important message from Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust (CAHT) – CAHT is a charity founded and supported by Cambridge Baptist Church and all trustees are church members. It currently owns five Housing Units at 66 Queen Street, next to the church buildings. Its main aim is to provide affordable housing for Cambridge Baptist Church people.

Now CAHT has been given first option to purchase another one-bedroomed Unit at 66 Queen Street. After a short time, the opportunity to purchase will expire and then the property will be put up for sale on the open market.

The Trust does not have the funds to purchase the property but someone in our church community may like to help CAHT with funds. If you wish to discuss this further, then please contact Ross Porter as soon as possible.

From Barry Vaughan – Secretary and Trustee

Honey is available – Adrian Carter has restocked supplies of his delicious honey, here in the office! It is still available in 1kg jars, for \$25, as well as a new size of 500g jars, for \$15.

Keith Rimmer has resigned from his position as Cleaner - he has faithfully and diligently carried out his duties, for the past seven years; going about his duties quietly and early in the mornings, before the rest of us have even arrived.

Keith, we thank God for you and appreciate your faithfulness and hard work very much. While you will be missed, we do hope that you will enjoy a well-earned "retirement".

Strength and Balance – classes will continue on Mondays at 9.30am in the church hall.

Walk and Talk – meet every Wednesday at Lake Te Ko Utu carpark at 9.30am and then at 10am at Columbus Café (at Mitre 10). Please feel free to join us on the walk or just for coffee. Feel free to bring a friend. For more info, contact Ann Hugill - 021 155 2023