

TRY READING ECCLESIASTES BEFORE PASSOVER

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For the record -- I realize that some religions traditionally read the book of Ecclesiastes during the Feast of Tabernacles. However, the lessons of the book can be appreciated throughout the year.

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1. Theme of the book -- Searching for the meaning of life
 2. Tone of the book -- While the book has a positive conclusion, the tone throughout the book can be viewed as pessimistic -- because the author is on a journey
 3. Brief outline
 - Opening thesis
 - 1:1-3 opening thesis -- all is vanity
 - 4-11 illustrations of vanity
 - Proof that all is vanity
 - Proof from experience
 - 1:12-18 striving after wisdom
 - 2:1-3 striving after pleasure
 - 4-17 great accomplishments
 - 18-23 hard labor
 - 24-26 conclusion -- be content
 - Proof from observation -- 3:1 to 6:12
 - Instructions for living with vanity -- 7:1 to 12:12
 - Conclusion -- 12:13-14

Are you worthy enough to take the passover this year?
Do you deem other people worthy enough to take the passover this year?
Each of us is a work in progress!

- Eccles. 12:13 fear God and keep His commandments
 14 God shall bring every work into judgment
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- Psalm 90:8 Moses to God -- "You know our secret sins"
2 Sam. 6:6-7 Uzzah
Acts 5:1-11 Ananias and Sapphira
Heb. 12:5-6 correction -- as a son He receives
Luke 22:61 the Lord looked upon Peter
- * Fear God and keep His commandments
- Heb. 12:28-29 grace -- reverence and godly fear
Ezek. 33:10-11 why will you die?
Psalm 130:1-8 cried out unto the Eternal
 3-4 forgiveness -- that You may be feared
 5-8 wait on the Eternal -- hope -- redeemed