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Failed attempt for satisfaction #1:

# Frantic praying and promising to God

#### Ecclesiastes 5:1-3, 5, 7, 6:11

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong. Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God.

God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few. A dream comes when there are many cares, and many words mark the speech of a fool.

It is better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfill it. Much dreaming and many words are meaningless. Therefore fear God.

The more the words, the less the meaning, and how does that profit anyone?



Failed attempt for satisfaction #2:

## Oppressing others

#### **Ecclesiastes 5:8**

If you see the poor oppressed in a district, and justice and rights denied, do not be surprised at such things; for one official is eyed by a higher one, and over them both are others higher still.



Failed attempt for satisfaction #3:

## Wanting more

#### **Ecclesiastes 5:10-11**

Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them.

#### **Ecclesiastes 5:15-16**

Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb, and as everyone comes, so they depart. They take nothing from their toil that they can carry in their hands. This too is a grievous evil: As everyone comes, so they depart, and what do they gain, since they toil for the wind?

#### Ecclesiastes 6:7,9

Everyone's toil is for their mouth, yet their appetite is never satisfied. Better what the eye sees than the roving of the appetite. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.



#### **Ecclesiastes 5:19-20**

When God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart. THE CHASE

#### **Ecclesiastes 6:1-3**

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. A man may have a hundred children and live many years; yet no matter how long he lives, if he cannot enjoy his prosperity and does not receive proper burial, I say that a stillborn child is better off than he.



#### **Ecclesiastes 5:12**

The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much



# Satisfaction is granted by God



#### Philippians 4:12-13

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Him who gives me strength. THE CHASE



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- 1) Stop looking in the wrong places
- 2) Listen to God for Real satisfaction





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