



**Lesson Twelve: The End of the Matter**  
**Ecclesiastes 12:9-14**  
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<sup>9</sup> Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. <sup>10</sup> The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.

<sup>11</sup> The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. <sup>12</sup> My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

<sup>13</sup> The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. <sup>14</sup> For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

## Discussion Questions:

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1. What role does the Word of God play in your life?
2. Read Ecclesiastes 12:11 and Hebrews 4:12. How does the Word of God wound us? Why are these wounds for our good? Has any part of Ecclesiastes wounded you (in a good way)?
3. Read Ecclesiastes 12:13 and Proverbs 9:10. What does it mean to fear the Lord? What does this fear look like in your own life?
4. What do God's commandments have to do with His grace? How does Christ enable us to keep His commandments? (See John 15:5-11)
5. According to the book of Ecclesiastes what is the meaning of life? Does your life reflect this purpose? Why or why not?



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