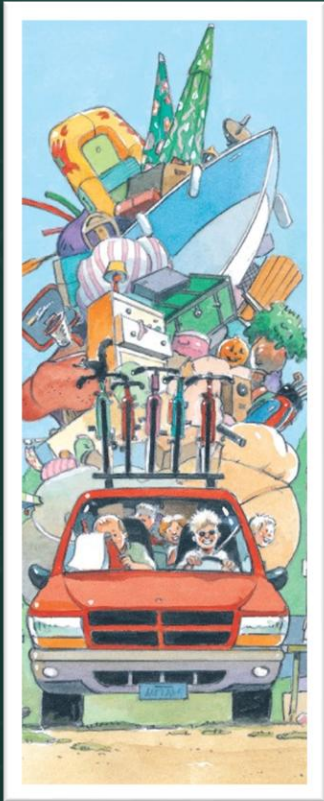




Better Than

Under the Son > Under the Sun

For the weeks ahead:



Ecclesiastes 1 (NIV)

¹ The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:

² “Meaningless! Meaningless!”
says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless!
Everything is meaningless.”

*Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.*

“hebel”

vanity

meaningless

vapor/breath

futile/pointless

the nearest things to nothing

striving after (or herding) the wind

Ecclesiastes 1 (NIV)

- ³ What do people gain from all their labors
at which they toil under the sun?
- ⁴ Generations come and generations go,
but the earth remains forever.

“tachat hashemet”

Ecclesiastes 1 (NIV)

- ⁵ The sun rises and the sun sets,
and hurries back to where it rises.
- ⁶ The wind blows to the south and turns to the north;
round and round it goes, ever returning on its course.
- ⁷ All streams flow into the sea,
yet the sea is never full.
To the place the streams come from,
there they return again.

Ecclesiastes 1 (NIV)

- ⁸ All things are wearisome, more than one can say.
The eye never has enough of seeing,
nor the ear its fill of hearing.
- ⁹ What has been will be again,
what has been done will be done again;
there is nothing new under the sun.
- ¹⁰ Is there anything of which one can say,
“Look! This is something new”?

Ecclesiastes 1 (NIV)

¹⁰ It was here already, long ago;
it was here before our time.

¹¹ No one remembers the former generations,
and even those yet to come
will not be remembered
by those who follow them.

*Ecclesiastes is not godless,
but it is gospel-less*

*For what the law was powerless to do
because it was weakened by the
flesh, God did by sending his own Son.*

(Romans 8:3, NIV)

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Mark 1 (NIV)

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

*Jesus invites us to turn from the
meaningless world to a life with Him:
focused on the eternal and full of purpose*

Teach me Your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in Your truth.
Give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear Your name.
I will praise You, O Lord my God,
with all my heart;
I will glorify Your name forever.

-Psalm 86:11-12 (BSB)