The Bottom Line?

The “Ali” Syndrome

Wisdom Too

Had It All, Did It All, Kept It All

Sat Back & Looked It Over

Hebel

Striving After Wind

No Profit

Is there nothing new under the sun?
How does our culture reflect this?

Special Notes for Today:
At 11:30am – Celebration of Communion in the Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. – Duke Sobel, Neighborhood House Assoc.
At 8:00pm – Contemplative Encounter in Sanctuary
Next Week: Read Ecclesiastes 2 & 3
Wi-Fi Password: Linder1924
Picture: William Blake (1757–1827), The Judgment of Solomon (c 1799-1800), tempera
Getting to Know Ecclesiastes
The Thesis (v.12-15)

First Person Narrative

Purpose:
Mind to Seek
Explore by Wisdom
Everything Under Heaven

DEMARCATION (Notice Parallelism)
“It is a grievous task…”

First Occurrence of “God”
“I have seen it all!”

Hebel & Wind

The Result
Crooked
Straight

Second Thesis (v.16-18)

The Reflexive Form – “I said to myself”

Mind & Wisdom Increased
Wisdom vs. Madness & Folly
Wisdom’s Result
Knowledge’s Result

Note the Difference: Experience vs. Profitability (Wisdom?)

How “He” Did It
Test #1 – Live for Pleasure = Futility
Test #2 – Just Laugh = Madness
Test #3 – More Wine & More Folly – To Better See…
Test #4 – Do More Stuff

Houses, Vineyards
Gardens, Parks, Ponds & Trees
Slaves & Children of Slaves
Flocks & Herds
Silver & Gold
Entertainment & Sex