

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

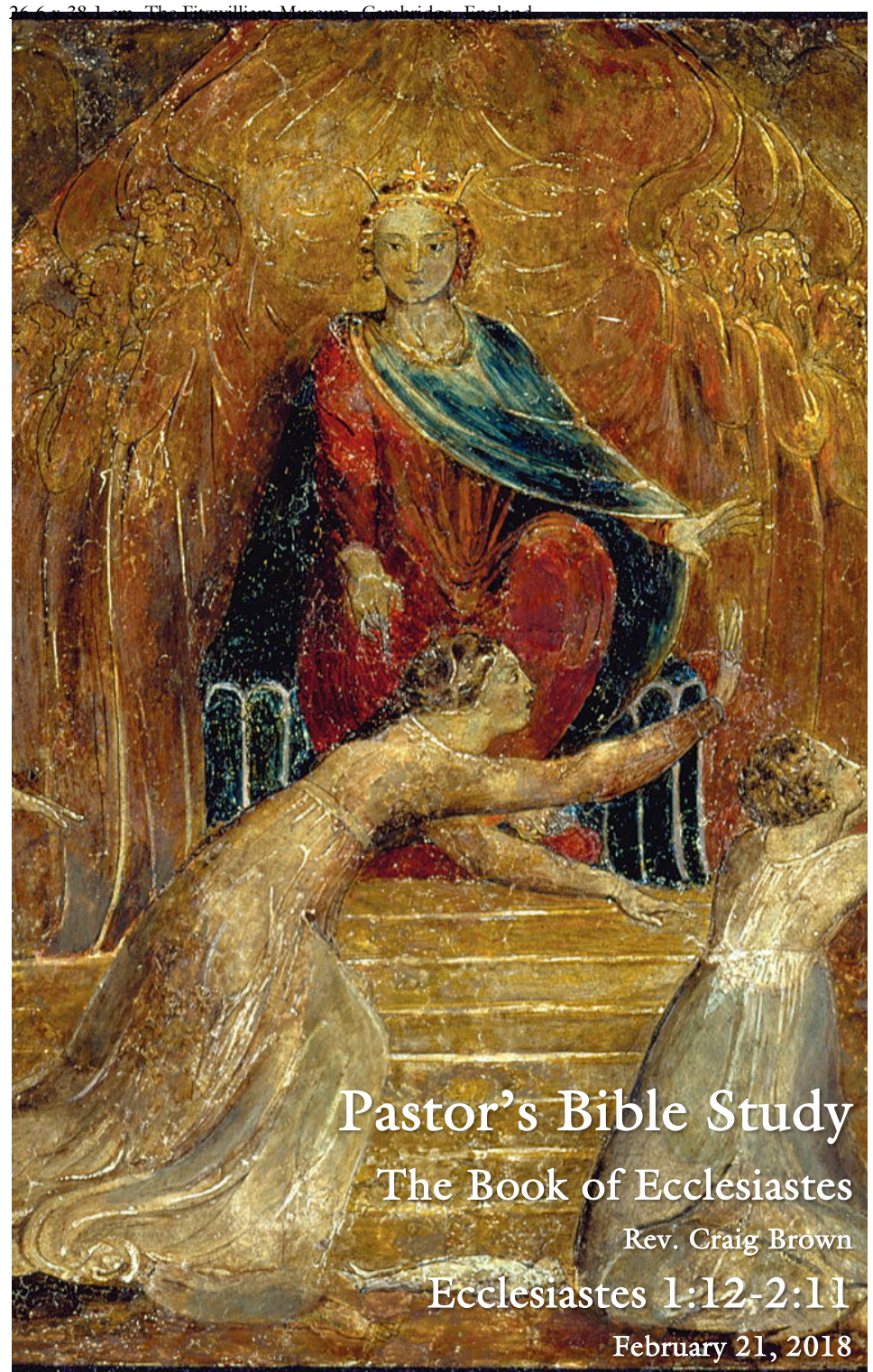
1:00 p.m. – Duke Sobel, Neighborhood House Assoc.

At 8:00pm – Contemplative Encounter in Sanctuary

Next Week: Read Ecclesiastes 2 & 3

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Picture: William Blake (1757–1827), The Judgment of Solomon (c 1799-1800), tempera



Pastor's Bible Study

The Book of Ecclesiastes

Rev. Craig Brown

Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:11

February 21, 2018

Getting to Know Ecclesiastes
The Thesis (v.12-15)

First Person Narrative

Purpose:

Mind to Seek

Explore by Wisdom

Everything Under Heaven

DEMARICATION (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