

## Ecclesiastes 1:14 (NKJV)

“I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind.”

An hourglass with red sand is positioned on a wooden surface. The sand is flowing from the top bulb to the bottom bulb. In the background, an open book is visible, slightly out of focus. The overall scene is lit with warm, soft light.

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## Ecclesiastes 8:10 (NKJV)

“Then I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of holiness, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done. This also is vanity.”

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I loathe my life; I would not live forever. Let me alone, For my days are but a breath. (Job 7:16 NKJV)

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Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state is but vapor.  
Selah (Psalm 39:5 NKJV)

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Man is like a breath; His days are like a passing shadow. (Psalm 144:4 NKJV)

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Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. (Proverbs 31:30 NKJV)



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Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. (Genesis 4:2 NKJV)



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## Hebrews 11:25 (NKJV)

“choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,”

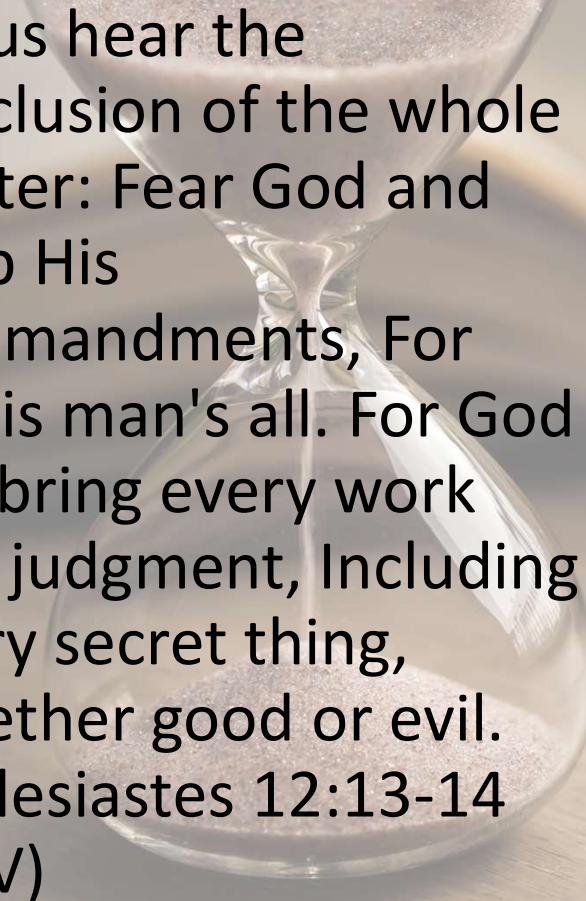


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## Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NKJV)

“He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity.”



Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil. (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 NKJV)

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  - Being wise (2:15)
  - Life itself (2:16-26)
- God is the only thing that gives life true meaning (12:13,14)

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