

<sup>1</sup>The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity. <sup>3</sup>What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun? <sup>4</sup>One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever. <sup>5</sup>The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose. <sup>6</sup>The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits. <sup>7</sup>All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again. <sup>8</sup>All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it : the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. <sup>9</sup>The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. <sup>10</sup>Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us. <sup>11</sup>There is no remembrance of former things ; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after. <sup>12</sup>I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith. <sup>14</sup>I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit. <sup>15</sup>That which is crooked cannot be made straight: and that which is wanting cannot be numbered. <sup>16</sup>I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>17</sup>And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit. <sup>18</sup>For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.