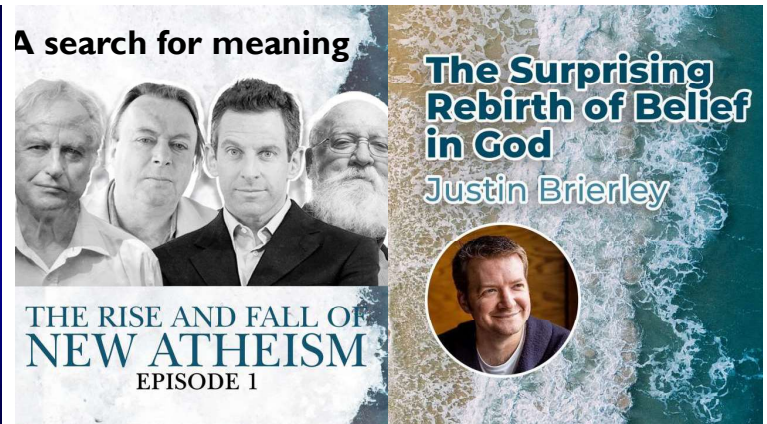




Message



'I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens...Then I applied myself to the understanding of wisdom, and also of madness and folly, but I learned that this, too, is a chasing after the wind.' (Ecc. 1:12-17)



'The words of the Teacher, son of David, king of Jerusalem:

'Meaningless [hevel]! Meaningless!' says the Teacher.

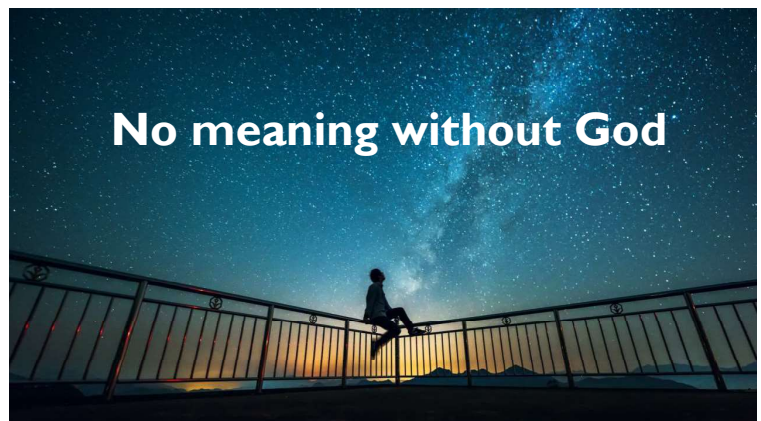
'Utterly meaningless!

Everything is meaningless.'

(Ecc. 1:1-2)

'What do people gain from all their labours at which they toil under the sun? Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains for ever.' (Ecc. 1:3-4)

'All things are wearisome, more than one can say. The eye never has enough of seeing, nor the ear its fill of hearing. What has been will be again,... there is nothing new under the sun.' (Ecc. 1:8-9)




'What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind. What is crooked cannot be straightened; what is lacking cannot be counted.' (Ecc. 1:13-15)

'For the creation was subjected to frustration [hevel], not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.' (Romans 8:20-21)

Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.' (Matthew 11:28)

"Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee." (St. Augustine)



**A search for meaning
No meaning without God
A yearning only God can meet
Ecclesiastes 1:1-18**