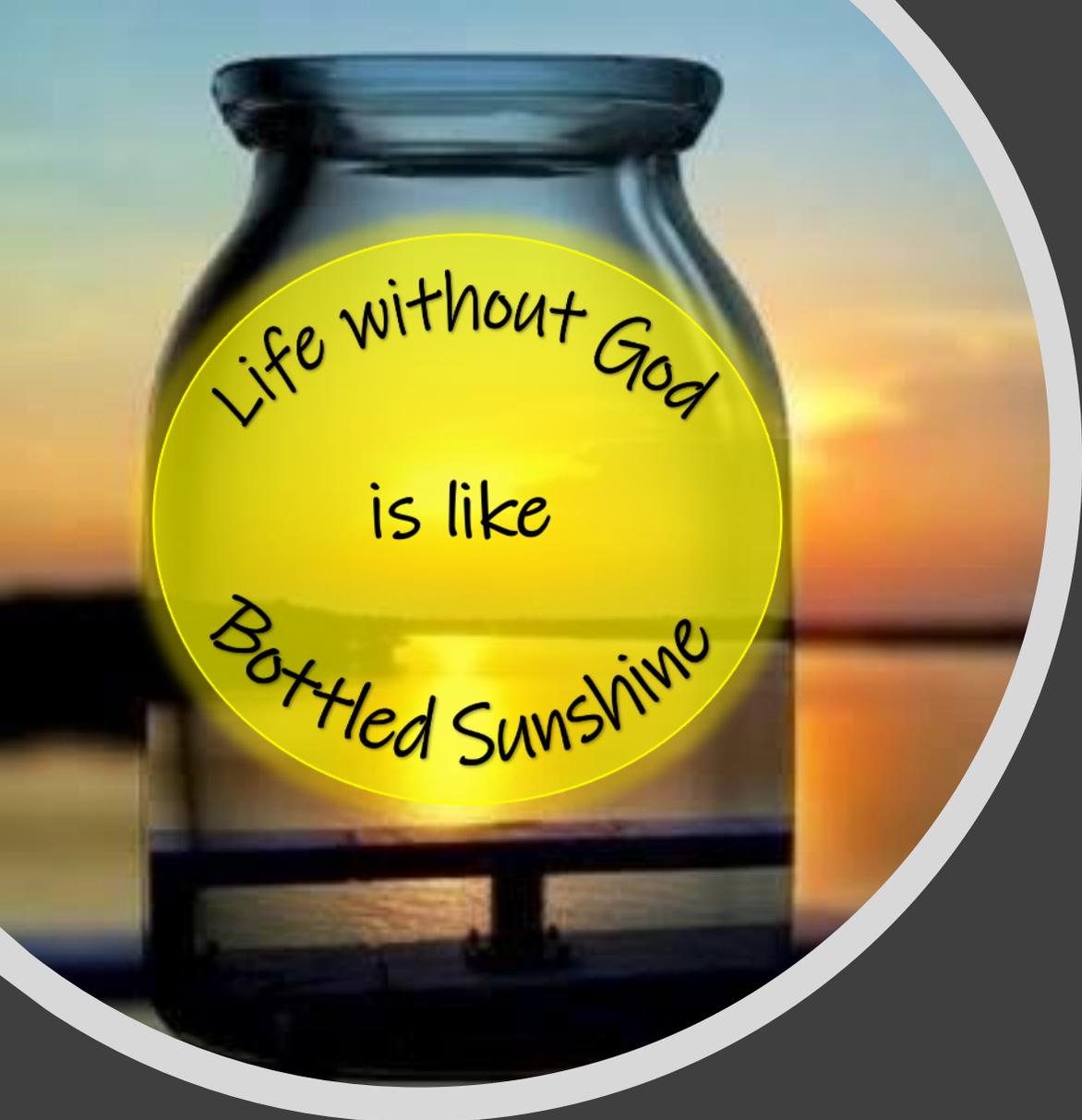




Let us hear the conclusion of the  
whole matter: Fear God and keep  
*Ecclesiastes*  
His commandments, for this is

man's all. For God will bring  
*12.13-14*  
every work into judgment,  
including every secret thing,  
whether good or evil.



- 1:14, I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind.
- 1:17, And I set my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is grasping for the wind.
- 2:11, Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.
- 4:4, Again, I saw that for all toil and every skillful work a man is envied by his neighbor. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind.

*Ecclesiastes 12:13-14*

# Don't sell your Soul for a Bottle of Sunshine

1. **Life's Meaning is not found in:**
  - a) **Intellectualism (2:12-16)**
  - b) **World's Indulgences (2:1-3)**
  - c) **Accomplishments (2:11)**
  - d) **Youthful Vitality (11:9)**
  
2. **Things do not last—but you do:**
  - a) **After death, everyone will face God's judgment (12:14)**

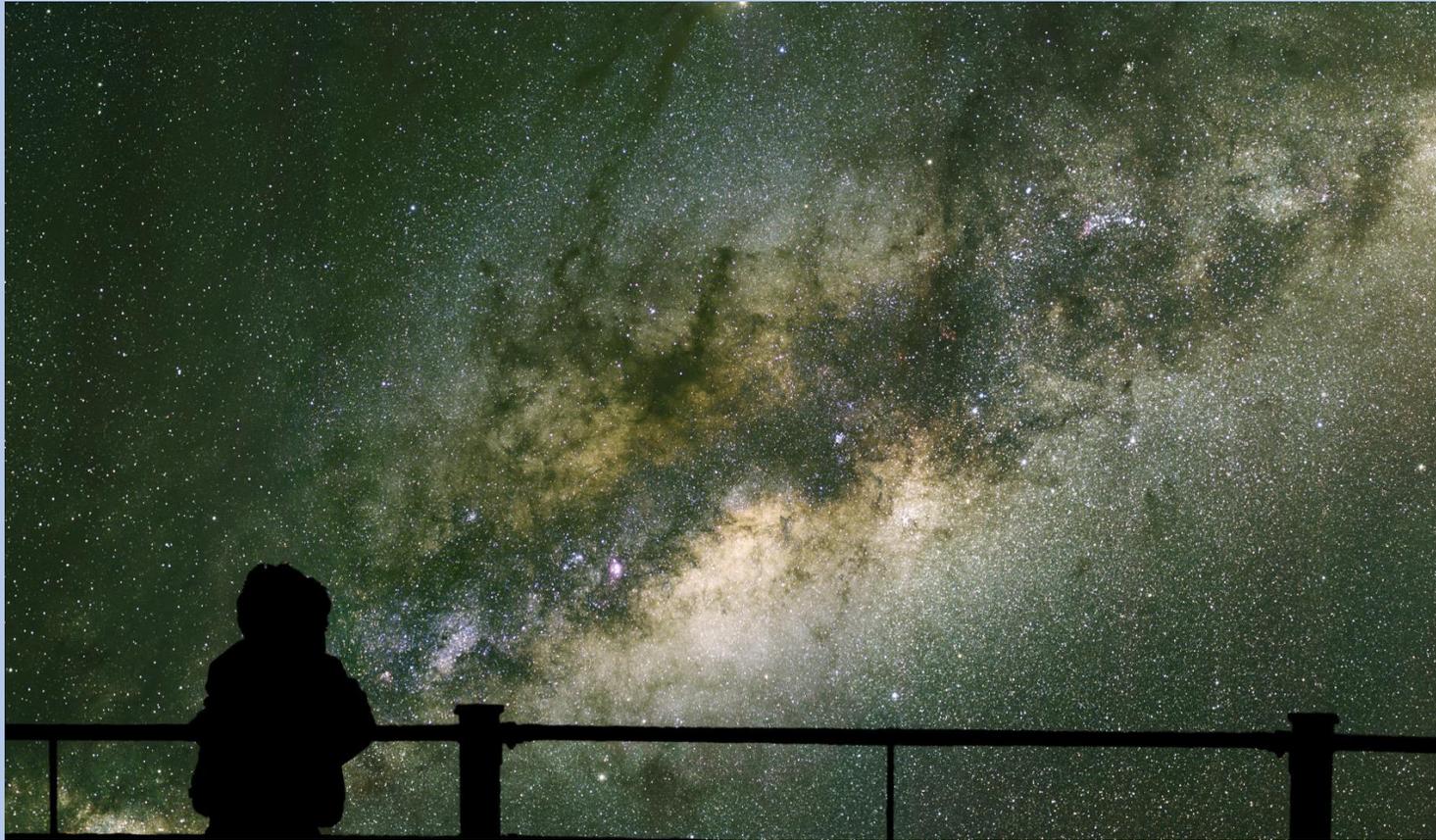


Things that can't be learned without God



<sup>1</sup> A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of one's birth; <sup>2</sup> Better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for that is the end of all men; and the living will take it to heart. <sup>3</sup> Sorrow is better than laughter, for by a sad countenance the heart is made better. <sup>4</sup> The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth. <sup>5</sup> It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise than for a man to hear the song of fools. <sup>6</sup> For like the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool. This also is vanity. <sup>7</sup> Surely oppression destroys a wise man's reason, and a bribe debases the heart. <sup>8</sup> The end of a thing is better than its beginning; the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

*Ecclesiastes 7*



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# *Better — Than*

- Reputation / Beauty (7:1)
- Deathday / Birthday (7:1)
- Funerals / Parties (7:2)
- Sorrow / Laughter (7:3)
- Rebuke / Praise (7:5)
- End / Beginning (7:8)
- Patience / Pride (7:8)

