

## Study Guide for Roy Zuck's "God and Man in Ecclesiastes"

Note: Qohelet is the persona of King Solomon, the voice of the author of Ecclesiastes

- 1) **Why do people think Ecclesiastes may not be a good fit for wisdom literature? What are some of the concepts discussed and phrases used that make us think that it contradicts scripture?**
- 2) **What positive statements does Ecclesiastes make that seem to contradict the negative?**
- 3) **What are the "four answers" that try to reconcile the positive message of Ecclesiastes with the "doom and gloom of life?"**
- 4) **What name for God is used in the book of Ecclesiastes? What are some of the characteristics attributed to God? Are these characteristics consistent with the characteristics of God in the rest of the Bible? Why is this significant?**
- 5) **What are some characteristics of humans according to Ecclesiastes doctrine of man? How does Qohelet refer to the material and immaterial part of man? Describe these two aspects.**
- 6) **What are the three characteristics of sin Ecclesiastes mentions? What are some acts of sin as described in this book?**
- 7) **According to the book of Ecclesiastes, Is there profit in work?**
- 8) **Are the statements about death in the book of Ecclesiastes consistent with other such statements in the Bible?**
- 9) **What six actions "will aid man in their pursuit of life?"**
- 10) **How does Castellino summarize the message of Ecclesiastes?**