**CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES** forSunday, July 9, 2017

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**Part 6**

**When Dreams Die**

Ecclesiastes 6:1-12

**I have seen another evil under the sun,**

**and it weighs heavily on people.**

Ecclesiastes 6:1

FIVE BROKEN DREAMS . . .

1. The Dream of Money and Power

**God gives some people wealth, possessions and honor, so that they lack nothing their hearts desire, but God does not grant them the ability to enjoy them, and strangers enjoy them instead. This is meaningless, a grievous evil.**

Ecclesiastes 6:2

2. The Dream of a Happy Family

**A man may have a hundred children and live many years; yet no matter how long he lives, if he cannot enjoy his prosperity and does not receive proper burial, I say that a stillborn child is better off than he.**

Ecclesiastes 6:3

3. The Dream of a Long Life

**. . . and live many years; . . .**

Ecclesiastes 6:3

**. . . even if he lives a thousand years twice over . . .**

Ecclesiastes 6:6

4. The Dream of a Satisfying Job

**Everyone’s toil is for their mouth,
    yet their appetite is never satisfied.**

Ecclesiastes 6:7

5. The Dream of Wisdom’s Advantage

**What advantage have the wise over fools?**

Ecclesiastes 6:8

BROKEN DREAMS HURT BECAUSE

THEY TAKE AWAY THE JOY.

**God does not enable him to enjoy them, and a stranger enjoys them instead.**

Ecclesiastes 6:2

**…yet no matter how long he lives, if he cannot enjoy his prosperity…**

Ecclesiastes 6:3

**Even if he lives a thousand years twice over but fails to enjoy his prosperity.**

Ecclesiastes 6:6

DREAMS ARE DESIGNED TO CREATE JOY

Like most biblical truth the key is not what I know

but what I do with what I know

**HOW DO I RESPOND TO BROKEN DREAMS?**

• KEEP DREAMING BUT DON’T FORGET TO ENJOY THE RIDE

**Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don’t have. Just dreaming about nice things is meaningless—like chasing the wind.**

Ecclesiastes 6:9 NLT

• GOD IS SOVEREIGN . . . TRUST HIM

**Whatever exists has already been named, and what humanity is has been known; no one can contend with someone who is stronger.**

Eccleisastes 6:10

The sovereignty of God is that plan of God

whereby everything will happen as he wants it to.

THE SOVEREIGN WILL OF GOD IS . . .

• CERTAIN

**He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven
    and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: “What have you done?”**

Daniel 4:35b

• ENCOMPASSING

**. . . according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,**

Ephesians 1:11

• SECRET

**How unsearchable his judgments and his paths beyond tracing out. Who has known the mind of the lord?**

Romans 11:33b-34

• GOOD

**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A28&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28145a)**] have been called according to his purpose.**

Romans 8:28

BECAUSE GOD IS SOVEREIGN . . .

• He is Immutable

• He is my Sovereign

• He is Happy

**For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.**

 Revelation 19:6

