

~~Part V - The best thing possible to man under  
the law - 12 - 13-14.~~

This is the book of man "under the sun," reasoning about life: it is the best man can do, with the knowledge that there is a holy God, and that He will bring everything into judgment. The key phrases are "under the sun"; "I perceived"; "I said in my heart." Inspiration sets down accurately what passes, but the conclusions and reasonings are, after all, man's. That those conclusions ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ are just in declaring it "vanity", in view of judgment, to devote life to earthly things, is surely true- but the "conclusion" (xii.13) is legal, the best that man apart from redemption can do, and does not anticipate the Gospel. Ecclesiastes is in five parts