

# Ecclesiastes 11

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## **Cast Your Bread Upon the Waters**

- <sup>1</sup> Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.
- <sup>2</sup> Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.
- <sup>3</sup> If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.
- <sup>4</sup> He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.
- <sup>5</sup> As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.
- <sup>6</sup> In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

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## **Rejoice in Your Youth**

- <sup>7</sup> Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun:
- <sup>8</sup> But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity.

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

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### Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

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### Spirit — רוּחַ (Ruach)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוּחַ) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

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## CROSS REFERENCES

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**Ecclesiastes 11:1** **Parallel theme:** Ecclesiastes 11:6; Proverbs 19:17; 22:9; Isaiah 32:8; 32:20; Matthew 10:42; 25:40; Luke 14:14; 2 Corinthians 9:6; Hebrews 6:10

### Ecclesiastes 11:2

**Parallel theme:** Nehemiah 8:10; Psalms 112:9; Proverbs 6:16; Daniel 4:27; Matthew 5:42; 18:22; Luke 17:4; Hebrews 13:3. **Evil:** Job 5:19; Ephesians 5:16

**Ecclesiastes 11:3** **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 18:45; Matthew 3:10; Luke 13:7; 1 John 3:17

**Ecclesiastes 11:4** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 3:27; 20:4; 22:13

**Ecclesiastes 11:5**

**Spirit:** John 3:8. **Parallel theme:** Ecclesiastes 7:24; Job 5:9; 37:23; Psalms 92:5; 104:24.

**References God:** Ecclesiastes 8:17; Psalms 40:5; Isaiah 40:28; Romans 11:33

**Ecclesiastes 11:6** **Parallel theme:** Ecclesiastes 9:1; 9:10; Isaiah 55:10; Hosea 10:12; 2 Corinthians 9:6; 2 Timothy 4:2

**Ecclesiastes 11:7** **Parallel theme:** Ecclesiastes 6:5; 7:11; Psalms 84:11; Matthew 5:45.

**Light:** Job 33:28; 33:30; Psalms 56:13; Proverbs 15:30; 29:13

**Ecclesiastes 11:8** **Darkness:** Jeremiah 13:16; Joel 2:2; John 12:35. **Parallel theme:** Ecclesiastes 6:11; 7:14; 8:12; 8:15; Deuteronomy 32:29; Jude 1:18

**Ecclesiastes 11:9** **Judgment:** Ecclesiastes 3:17; 12:14; Romans 14:10; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Hebrews 9:27. **Parallel theme:** Ecclesiastes 2:10; 12:1; Job 31:7; Lamentations 3:27; Matthew 5:28

**Ecclesiastes 11:10** **Parallel theme:** Ecclesiastes 1:2; 1:14; Job 13:26; 20:11; Psalms 25:7; 39:5; 2 Corinthians 7:1; 2 Timothy 2:22. **Evil:** Ecclesiastes 12:1

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