



Destiny

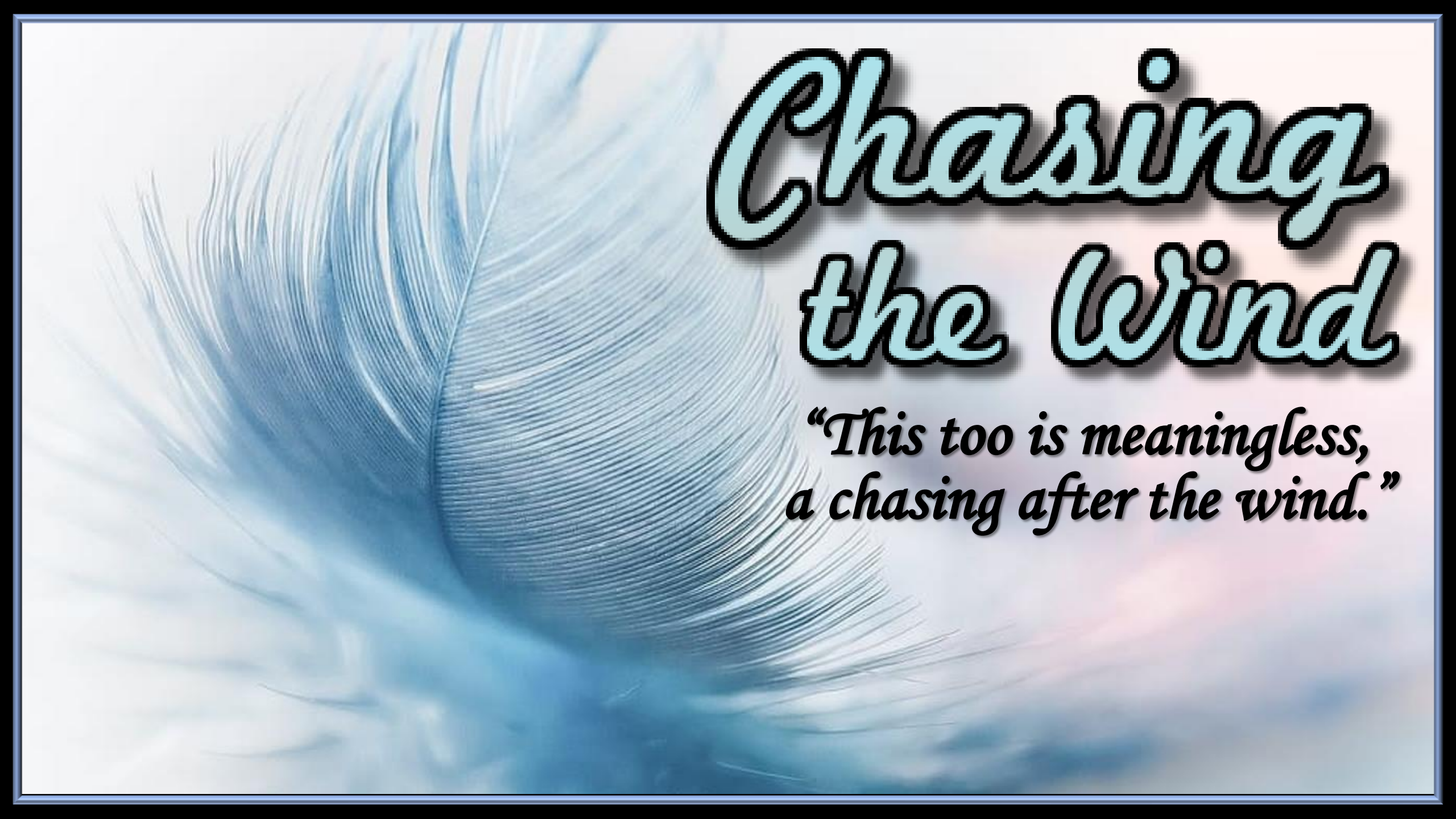


The events that will necessarily happen to a particular person or thing in the future.

The hidden power believed to control what will happen in the future; fate.

“You have to do the best you can with what God gave you.”

“You gonna have to figure that out for yourself”



Chasing the Wind

*“This too is meaningless,
a chasing after the wind.”*



Solomon's Request

2 Chronicles 1:8-12

Wisdom vs. Knowledge



There is a very drastic difference between the two words

Knowledge is the ability to learn and retain and even put into practice information

You can be very knowledgeable but not very wise

Wisdom is the ability to make good decisions, read people and understand their intentions, and have good judgement

Wisdom vs. Knowledge



That is what is so confusing about Solomon he absolutely was smart and a good judge when dealing with other people (*1 Kings 3:16-28*)

He just never seemed to be able to apply that logic to his own life, at least not until the end

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*Wisdom, Madness,
and Folly*

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What is Solomon Chasing?

Humanity: the quality of being human

Solomon is essentially going to take a psychological approach to understanding the meaning of life

He is going to understand life by studying how people live life

He is going to study how they go about making decisions

3 Kinds of People



Those that live wise (Make good decisions)

Those that live in madness (They are incapable of making decisions)

Those that live in folly (They make foolish decisions)

Wise and Foolish



**As Solomon begins to draw conclusions,
he sort of rules out the madness**

**In the here and now, Living Wise is better that living
like a fool**

**In the here and now, the wise see things coming the
fools are constantly being blindsided**

**At the end-of-life wise verses fools does not matter
because everybody dies**

Wise and Foolish



Then I said to myself, “The fate of the fool will overtake me also. What then do I gain by being wise?” I said to myself, “This too is meaningless.” For the wise, like the fool, will not be long remembered; the days have already come when both have been forgotten. Like the fool, the wise too must die!

Ecclesiastes 2:15-16

Meaningless

If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus with no more than human hopes, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”

1 Corinthians 15:32

Meaningless

But see, there is joy and revelry, slaughtering of cattle and killing of sheep, eating of meat and drinking of wine! “Let us eat and drink,” you say, “for tomorrow we die!”

Isaiah 22:13

I think this plays very much into what is worldliness

Humanity has lost hope

Worldly means the grave is the end of all things

And since this is all there is then our sense of morality begins to slide

What if there is more?



1 Peter 1:24-25 -- For, “All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever

James 4:14 -- Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

2 Corinthians 4:18 -- So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Meaningful Life



For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

Meaningful Life



Today in human history Jesus is the only person that came into the world born with a purpose; to save humanity

He lived that purpose for 33 years on this planet proclaiming that purpose

He died for that purpose because to save humanity he became God's sacrifice

Meaningful Life



And to date Jesus is the only person that went to the grave. However, the grave could not hold him.

His life did not end in a cemetery, instead he rose and lives

According to Jesus, he provides us purpose for life, because he himself is the source of life

Life According to Jesus



**He provides a way back to our lost relationship
(John 14:6)**

**But we must be willing to believe and accept
(John 20:31)**

He desires us to have a full life (John 10:10)

**Not one measured by a clock and a calendar, nor
one that ends at a grave (John 3:16)**

Pursue God



Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.

James 4:15-17



Here Today

What is Your Tomorrow?

Matthew 7:24-27