Pleasure is Meaningless (Bilingual)

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But imagine you had unlimited moneyHow would you enjoy thatHow would you live to be satisfiedSolomon[redacted]Solomon was a man who had unlimited treasure[redacted]So what kind of things did he indulge in[redacted]

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costume[redacted] digital[redacted],[redacted]?
[redacted]Two and a Half Men[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted]?
[15:44] [redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted] beer might bring you pleasure at first, but your disappointment will grow.

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[illegible]Even someone as wise as Solomon could not find an answer to this problem on this earth.
Therefore he exclaims pleasure is mainlyness, there is vanity chasing after the wind.[illegible]?
So how should we, as Christians in the New Testament, living in New Testament times, how should we interpret pleasure?[illegible]First we must understand that pleasure does not equal joy.
[17:34] [illegible]As we examined before, pleasure brings us a false sense of satisfaction.

[illegible]Many most of the people in this world has a goal set on enjoying life more.
[illegible]Because they think this will bring joy to their lives.[illegible]The Apostle Paul had this to say in his reflection on pleasure in life.
[illegible]This is what he says.
Yet whatever gain I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
[18:56] For his sake, I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.[illegible]Paul was someone who was very knowledgeable.

[illegible]And through his wisdom, he could have become someone very famous who could have seemingly enjoyed life a lot more.
[illegible]And yet, in order that he may gain Christ, he threw away all these things.
[illegible]It's because he knew that Jesus was different,Different in the way that the joy in Jesus will not end after the third cup,just like Coca-Cola.
[illegible]Jesus is the source of life.[illegible]Jesus had this to say in John,Jesus said to her,Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,But those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.
[20:38] The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.[illegible]The pursuit of pleasure in this world can only give us temporary satisfaction.

[illegible]After a while, disappointment will set in.[illegible]iPhone 3,[illegible]iPhone 4[illegible]Just like how I was satisfied in my iPhone 3,Yet I was disappointed when the iPhone 4 came out.
I would believe that if I bought the iPhone 4,my satisfaction would go up.[illegible]iPhone 5[illegible]Only Jesus can give us satisfaction.
We can only obtain our eternal joy,Eternal joy through the grace of Jesus.[illegible]
One Kings records this,King Solomon loved many foreign women,along with the daughter of Pharaoh,Mobites,Ammonites,Adamites,Sidonians,and Hittite women,from the nations concerning which the Lordhad said to the Israelites,You shall not enter into marriage with them,neither shall they with you,for they will surely incline your heartto follow their gods.

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[24:56] Solomon clung to these in love.[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted]What was the result?

In verse 4,It says,For when Solomon was old,his wives turned away his heartafter other gods,and his heart was not true to the Lord his God,as was the heart of his father David. [redacted]This is the result of a lifespent in pursuing pleasure.[redacted],[redacted],[redacted]As Christians,we must be warned thatwe should not pursue short-term pleasureand throw away eternal life. [redacted],[redacted]As all this said,I am not saying that we cannotenjoy pleasure,[redacted]Pleasure is not sin. [redacted],[redacted],[redacted]After God created heaven and earthand the beautiful garden of Eden,He said this,[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted]The Lord God commanded the man,You may freely eat of every tree of the garden,but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil,you shall not eat,for in the day that you eat of it,you shall die. [26:59] [redacted],[redacted]Everything that God has given usis given through grace,we can enjoy them.[redacted],[redacted]?

Do people remember the circumstancessurrounding Eve's sin?[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted]
God did not create us to suffer[redacted],[redacted],[redacted]In fact,it's totally opposite.
God created us to be,we were the most precious creations from God,and He created us to enjoy life.[redacted],[redacted],[redacted]so it is not that Christians can't enjoy life,it's that we must do so within God's limits. [redacted],[redacted]?Let me ask you,do you know where God's limits are?[redacted]?Where are they?[redacted]? [29:25] Where are God's limits?[redacted]?No one knows?[redacted]God's limits are in the Bible.

[redacted]It's all described there.[redacted],[redacted]As long as you're familiar with the Bible,you will be familiar with God's limits. [redacted],[redacted]And then you will be safe to enjoy all that God has given us. [redacted],[redacted],[redacted]But if you're unaware of where the limit is,then your pleasure could be dangerous. [redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted]It's like walking through a minefield,one false step,you will be blowing into bits. [30:37] [redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted]?[redacted],[redacted]party,[redacted]?

For example,Can we go to parties?[redacted]?[redacted]?No,Why not?[redacted]party,of course we can. [redacted],[redacted],but not during Sunday service.[redacted]?[redacted],[redacted],[redacted]? When we reach the right age,Can we find girlfriends and boyfriends?[redacted]?[redacted],[redacted]God created Adam and Eve.[redacted]of course we can. [redacted],[redacted]The Bible says that we must find one who is also Christian.[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted]? [31:52] We can drive a nice car,leaving a big house.[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted]God wants us to enjoy life,[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted]?

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