### Ecclesiastes

## Chapter 11

1‘Scatter your seeds on the water,  
 And after some time, you’ll find them.  
 2Yes, share what you have with seven or eight [other people],  
 Since you don’t know what bad may come to the land.  
  
 3‘If clouds become filled, they’ll send rain to the ground.  
 And if a tree falls towards the north of the south,  
 Wherever it falls, it’ll stay.  
 4So, those who look to the wind may not plant,  
 And those who look to the clouds may not reap.  
 5For, attempting to know which way the wind blows,  
 Is like knowing the bones in the womb of a mother…  
 You don’t know the actions of God,  
 Or any of the things He will do.  
  
 6‘So, start your planting in the morning,  
 And don’t rest your hand ‘til the evening;  
 For, you never know what will grow over there,  
 Or what will grow best over here…  
 Or if the two will grow well together.  
  
 7‘Daylight is sweet and it’s good for the eyes  
 To be able to see by the sun.  
 8But, although a man’s years may bring him much joy,  
 He will also know many days that are dark…  
 And all that will come is just folly.  
  
 9‘Take joy, young man, in your youth;  
 And may your heart do good while you’re young.  
 May your heart walk in ways that are pure,  
 Not in the ways that you see with your eyes…  
 For, know that this leads to God’s judgment.  
  
 10‘So, remove all the rage from your heart,  
 And all the wicked ways from your flesh;  
 For, youth’s thoughtless ways are all folly!’