

A woman's profile is visible on the left side of the image, looking upwards towards a bright, cloudy sky. The sun is shining through the clouds, creating a lens flare effect. The overall mood is contemplative and hopeful.

# ECCLESIASTES

*Making Sense Out of Life*

# *hebel*

*a mist, a wisp, a vapor, a puff of  
wind, a breath, a bit of smoke*

*something that's there for a  
moment, and then gone ...*

# **Two tests in Solomon's search for satisfaction in life ...**

- 1. Pursuing Pleasure**
- 2. Leveraging Life**

***The Pursuit of  
Pleasure***

**Ecclesiastes 2:1-11**

# **Seemingly Pleasurable Pursuits ...**

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**A. Mindless Comedy**

**B. Drinking**

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# Hebrews 11:25

**“Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;”**



# 1 Timothy 6:17

**“Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;”**