The Truth Behind the See-Through Suit

Reflections From the Top

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It was Hans Christian Anderson who gave us the story of the impressionable emperor who commissioned two crafty weavers to create for him their magic fabric, from which he would have his tailors make the finest robes ever worn by a monarch. This exceptional cloth was so incredible that it was visible only by the eye of the wise, or so the weavers purported!

So, the day of delivery and display arrived. The emperor, not wanting to appear simple, expressed delight over the obviously-invisible garments. The ruse continued, as no one wanted to confess their lack of ability to "see" what others saw. That is, until an unhindered child saw the emperor in his "new clothes" and admitted the obvious: He was in the parade without his clothes, the victim of the felonious weavers!

In Ecclesiastes, Solomon the King unmasks the deception himself. He strips away the facade maintained by the "wise" and calls for honesty in admitting the obvious. His insights are not diluted by time--he catches us with our underwear showing as well!

- **Behind the See-Through Suit**

1. The search for significance
   Ecclesiastes 1:2-3

2. The sense of transience
   Ecclesiastes 1:4-8

3. The surety of obscurity
   Ecclesiastes 1:9-11

4. The statement of conclusion
   Ecclesiastes 1:12-14

- **The earthbound life is an empty existence.**
- **Viewing nature drives home the brevity of life.**
- **Regardless of your accomplishments, you are destined to be forgotten.**
- **The intelligent conclusion is human futility.**
- **NOTES:**

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