

# **Ecclesiastes 11:1-6**

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- (1) Send out your bread  
upon the surface of the waters,  
because in abundance of the days  
you shall find it.**
  
- (2) Give *a* portion to seven,  
and also to eight; because you  
will not know what will be  
evil upon the earth.**
  
- (3) If the clouds are full of rain,  
they will pour out upon the earth.  
And if *a* tree falls in the south,  
and if in the north,  
*the* place where the tree falls,  
there it will be.**
  
- (4) *The one* observing *the* wind  
will not sow seed, and *the one* watching  
in the clouds will not harvest.**

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Ecclesiastes 11:5-6  
The Creed of Life

**(5) Just as you are not knowing  
what *is* the way of the wind,  
like *the* bones in *the* womb  
of the pregnant one, so also you  
will not know *the* work of God  
Who works everything.**

**(6) In the morning sow your seed,  
and toward the evening let not  
your hand rest; because you are not  
knowing which will succeed  
- whether this or that - or if  
the two of them *will be* good like one.**

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#### (1) Send out your bread

א.      שלח      להקל  
'Απόστειλον τὸν ἄρτον σου

#### upon the surface of the waters,

פני-על      המים  
ἐπὶ πρόσωπον      τοῦ ὕδατος,

#### because in abundance of the days you shall find it.

ברב-כי      המים      תמצאנו:  
ὅτι ἐν πλήθει τῶν ἡμερῶν      εὐρήσεις αὐτόν.

#### (2) Give a portion to seven, and also to eight;

ב.      חלק-תן      לשבעה      וגם      לשמונה  
δὸς μερίδα      τοῖς ἑπτὰ      καί γε      τοῖς ὀκτώ,

#### because you will not know what will be

כי      לא      תדע      מה-היה  
ὅτι      οὐ γινώσκεις      τί ἔσται

#### evil upon the earth.

רעה      על-ארץ-על:  
πονηρὸν      ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν.

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#### (3) If the clouds are full of rain,

ג. מְלֵאֵי-אֶם גְּשֵׁם הַעֲבִיִּים  
ἐὰν πληρωθῶσιν τὰ νέφη ὑέτου,

they will pour out upon the earth.

הֲאֶרְגְּזוּ-עַל  
ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν ἐκχέουσιν·

And if a tree falls in the south,

בְּדָרוֹם עֵץ יִפֹּל-בְּאֵם  
καὶ ἐὰν πέσῃ ξύλον ἐν τῷ νότῳ

and if in the north,

בְּצָפוֹן יִפֹּל  
καὶ ἐὰν ἐν τῷ βορρᾶ,

the place where the tree falls,

הָעֵץ יִפֹּל מְקוֹם  
τόπῳ, οὐ πεσεῖται τὸ ξύλον,

there it will be.

יְהוּאֵהָם  
ἐκεῖ ἔσται.

(4) *The one observing the wind will not sow seed,*

ד. יִרְעֵה לֹא יִזְרַע רֹוֵם  
τηρῶν ἀνεμον οὐ σπερεῖ,

and *the one watching in the clouds will not harvest.*

יִקְצֹר לֹא יִרְאֶה בְּעָבִיִּים  
καὶ βλέπων ἐν ταῖς νεφέλαις οὐ θερίσει,

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#### (5) Just as you are not knowing

ה. כְּאִשֶּׁר יוֹדַע אֵינֶה  
ἐν οἷς οὐκ ἔστιν γινώσκων

#### what is the way of the wind,

דְּרֵךְ-מָה הָרוּחַ  
τίς ἢ ὁδὸς τοῦ πνεύματος.

#### like *the* bones in *the* womb of the full one,

כְּעֲצָמַיִם בְּבֶטֶן הַמְּלֵאָה  
ὡς ὀστά ἐν γαστρὶ τῆς κυοφορούσης,

#### so also you will not know *the* work of God

כְּכֹה תִדַּע לֹא מַעֲשֵׂה-אֵת הָאֱלֹהִים  
οὕτως οὐ γνώση τὰ ποιήματα τοῦ θεοῦ,

#### Who works everything.

יַעֲשֶׂה אֱשֶׁר הַכֹּל-אֵת:  
ὅσα ποιήσει σὺν τὰ πάντα.

#### (6) In the morning sow your seed,

ו. בְּבֹקֶר יָרַע יָרַע-אֵת  
ἐν πρωΐα σπείρον τὸ σπέρμα σου,

#### and toward the evening let not your hand rest;

וְלָעֶרֶב יָדְךָ  
καὶ εἰς ἑσπέραν μὴ ἀφέτω ἡ χεὶρ σου,

#### because you are not knowing which will succeed,

כִּי יוֹדַע אֵינֶה יִכְשַׁר זֶה אִי  
ὅτι οὐ γινώσκεις πόλον στοιχήσει,

#### - whether this or that - or if the two of them

זֶה-אוֹ זֶה-אוֹ שְׁנֵיהֶם-יֵאָמֵר  
ἢ τοῦτο ἢ τοῦτο, καὶ ἐὰν τὰ δύο

#### will be good like one.

טוֹבִים כְּאֶחָד:  
ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ἀγαθά.