

Carpe Diem - Seize the Day!

#10 The Quest

Ecclesiastes 9:1-12

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Reflection questions

Monday: Read Eccl 9:1-12 and identify the key themes – repeated words and concepts, what does it say about God, people, life and hope? Keep in mind, progressive revelation; the author of Ecclesiastes was not aware of the full revelation regarding death and eternal life which would be revealed in Jesus Christ (Hebrews 12:1-3). How will you apply this passage to your life?

Tuesday: Read Eccl 9:1-6. Contrast the concepts here with full revelation regarding death in the New Testament (John 5:28-29; 11:25-26; 14:1-3; Acts 7:59; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Philippians 1:21-23; Heb 12:23; 1 John 5:13-14). Do you have assurance of eternal life? On what basis?

Wednesday: Read Eccl 9:7-12. Contrast the exhortations here with the full revelation in the New Testament (John 10:10; 1 Cor 15:58; Phil 3:7-16; 4:4-9).

Thursday: Read Eccl 9:11-12, which is inspired Scripture (Eccl 12:9-11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17) and contrast it with what Jesus said in Matthew 6:25-34 and Luke 12:22-31. How does being in Christ shape your view of life?

Friday: Review the “enjoy life” passages in Eccl 2:24-26; 3:12-13; 5:18-20; 7:14; 8:15; 9:7-9. How does fearing God (resting on His sovereignty, goodness and justice) enable you to enjoy life? How does being “in Christ” empower you to enjoy life?

Saturday: Read Eccl 9:13-10:20 and capture the big ideas in the text. Pray for our gathering on Sunday and bring a friend with you.