



Ecclesiastes 9:1-18

GOD IS _____

For I have taken all this to my heart and explain it that righteous men, wise men, and their deeds are in the hand of God. Man does not know whether *it will be* love or hatred; anything awaits him. - Ecclesiastes 9:1

1. It Points To His _____

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, And marked off the heavens by the span, And calculated the dust of the earth by the measure, And weighed the mountains in a balance And the hills in a pair of scales? - Isaiah 40:12

2. It Points To His _____

In whose hand is the life of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind? - Job 12:10

3. It Points To His _____

"The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; ²⁵ nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all *people* life and breath and all things; ²⁶ and He made from one *man* every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, - Acts 17:24-26

DEATH IS _____

It is the same for all. There is one fate for the righteous and for the wicked; for the good, for the clean and for the unclean; for the man who offers a sacrifice and for the one who does not sacrifice. As the good man is, so is the sinner; as the swearer is, so is the one who is afraid to swear. - Ecclesiastes 9:2

1. It Can Seem _____

This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is one fate for all men. - Ecclesiastes 9:3

2. It Can Provide An _____ To Sin

Furthermore, the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil and insanity is in their hearts throughout their lives. Afterwards they go to the dead. -Eccl 9:3

3. It Can Provide An Incentive To _____

- **Seize** _____

For whoever is joined with all the living, there is hope; surely a live dog is better than a dead lion. ⁵ For the living know they will die; but the dead do not know anything, nor have they any longer a reward, for their memory is forgotten. ⁶ Indeed their love, their hate and their zeal have already perished, and they will no longer have a share in all that is done under the sun. - Ecclesiastes 9:4-6

- **Enjoy the** _____

Go *then*, **eat your bread** in happiness and **drink your wine** with a cheerful heart; for God has already approved your works. ⁸ Let your **clothes** be white all the time, and let not oil be lacking on your head. ⁹ **Enjoy life with the woman whom you love** all the days of your fleeting life which He has given to you under the sun; for this is your reward in life and in your toil in which you have labored under the sun. ¹⁰ Whatever your hand finds to do, do *it* with *all* your might; for there is no activity or planning or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol where you are going. - Ecclesiastes 9:7-10

LIFE IS _____

1. _____ Are No Guarantee Of Success

I again saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift and the battle is not to the warriors, and neither is bread to the wise nor wealth to the discerning nor favor to men of ability; for time and chance overtake them all. ¹² Moreover, man does not know his time: like fish caught in a treacherous net and birds trapped in a snare, so the sons of men are ensnared at an evil time when it suddenly falls on them. - Ecclesiastes 9:11-12

2. _____ Are No Guarantee Of Success

Also this I came to see as wisdom under the sun, and it impressed me. ¹⁴ There was a small city with few men in it and a great king came to it, surrounded it and constructed large siegeworks against it. ¹⁵ But there was found in it a poor wise man and he [might have] delivered the city by his wisdom. Yet no one remembered that poor man. ¹⁶ So I said, "Wisdom is better than strength." But the wisdom of the poor man is despised and his words are not heeded. ¹⁷ The words of the wise heard in quietness are *better* than the shouting of a ruler among fools. ¹⁸ Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good. - Ecclesiastes 9:13-18