

Ladies Bible Study
Ecclesiastes, Lesson Six
Ecclesiastes 9
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Chapter 9:

If you remember in the end of chapter 8, Solomon was acknowledging that no matter how much a man may know, he will never fully comprehend God and God's plans. It is that thought that leads us into chapter 9.

v. 1: _____ alone is in control.

v. 2-3: In the end we all will experience _____.

v. 4: _____ in any circumstance is preferable to death.

v. 5-6: The living have hope! Hope that we may realize the _____ and the _____ it offers us to enjoy our time here and impact people for Christ and eternity.

v. 7: Notice that Solomon didn't say to go looking for _____ and _____, but rather to be those in what you have right now. (Luke 15:11-24; Prov. 15:17)

v. 8: Wearing white and applying oils was a sign of _____ and celebration. (Philippians 4:4)

v. 9: Enjoy your spouse, your family.

v. 10: Work hard and put forth effort for the _____ of God! (Col. 3:23-24)

v. 11-12: We are not _____ any specific outcome of what seems like a "sure thing".

- We do not know what _____ God has us in.

- Prov. 27:1: "Do not _____ about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth."

- James 4:15: "Instead, you ought to say, 'if it is _____', we will live and do this or that."

- Matt. 6:34: "Therefore _____ about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

v. 13-17: Better to be wise and forgotten, than to be a fool and everyone know who you are.

v. 18: Even a _____ can cause the fall of much good.

Turn your “what ifs” into “even so’s”! (Rom. 8:28)

Take a minutes and reflect of your view of death and eternity. How does it make it you feel? Do you have true hope? A hope that can be destroyed by death is a false hope. Hope in Christ is living because He conquered death! (1 Peter 1:3-5; 2Tim 1:10) I pray that you know that hope! If you do write a prayer of thanksgiving to God right now! If it is not something you feel confident you have but want, consider reading these passages:

- We are all sinners (Rom. 3:10,23).
- The wages of our sin is death (Rom. 6:23).
- Jesus paid our sin debt on the cross (Rom. 5:8).
- Salvation comes by faith, that is, by confessing with our mouths and believing in our hearts (Rom. 10:9,10).
- Call on the Lord for salvation and you will be saved (Rom. 10:13).

and then praying/ writing a prayer like this...

“Dear God, I believe that you sent your son Jesus, to conquer death. I believe that He died as payment for my sins and that He rose again. I accept the free gift of forgiveness and eternal life with You! Please become the Lord of my life!”

The words I have written here are not what saves, it is your faith in Christ that saves!

If you have questions about any of this please let me, or any of the ladies leading this Bible study know. We love and care about you!

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Observations Sheet for Lesson 6
Read Ecclesiastes 10 and 11

Observations from Chapter 10

Verse 2 The heart of the wise inclines to the _____ but the heart of the fool to the _____.

Verse 8-11 What activities is Solomon talking about in these verses?

Verses 12 What does a fool keep doing with his mouth?

Verse 14b Solomon is asking another question. "...who can tell someone else what will happen after them?
What is the answer to Solomon's question?

Verse 20 What saying do we get from verse? "A little _____ told me."

Observations from Chapter 11

How many times are the phrases "cannot understand" and "you do not know" used?

What are some examples from this chapter that Solomon is saying we do not know? What are some examples from our current situation that we just do not know?

Verses 9 & 10 What is the young person to do in these verses?