



# The Meaning of Human Life.

(From the Book of Ecclesiastes)

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**NOTE:** the book of Ecclesiastes gives an overall view of human life on planet earth, but it is important to note that there will always be individual exceptions and contradictions to general laws that apply to the collective observations of the human population as a whole. God has designed the universe this way so that no human whether righteous or wicked can find out their future or know what will happen to them tomorrow.

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## **God eternity and the human heart**

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God has put the desire for eternity into the human heart and made humans moral and good, but they have sought out many schemes and since the sentence against wrongdoing is not executed speedily by God the human heart continues to do wrong, but just because a person's life is prolonged does not mean they will be granted eternal life. In every person's life there is a time for all things (work, leisure, sorrow, laughter and joy) and every good and moral person sins at some stage so to enjoy life do not try to be overly good, or make yourself too wise otherwise you will destroy yourself with failure and guilt.

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## **God's gift to those separated from Him**

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God has given humans apart from him the business of gathering and collecting. His gift to humanity is that they enjoy His creation and their life, that they find satisfaction and enjoyment in their work. God has filled the earth with many pleasures, eating drinking, traveling the wonder of a landscape, the beauty of a sunset, the magic of a friendships and the intimacy of a marriage All the pleasures of life on earth God has given for those apart from Him to enjoy. God encourages them to enjoy their life now because chasing after the good things this life can offer, including wisdom, work, pleasure, and wealth are only satisfying for a time, because death is certain and going to end this satisfaction. God is basically saying to those who do not acknowledge Him enjoy life on earth and its pleasures within the parameters of doing good because it is all they have; it is temporary and quickly coming to a final end. But in many cases instead of enjoying the life God has given them they use their wisdom to work, they strive with their heart full of sorrow and vexation to build their empire and even in the night their heart does not rest. Then their gain is left to a person who has not worked for it and who maybe wise or may be a fool.

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## **God's Gift to those who belong to Him**

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The person who lives in reverence or holy respect of the Lord can enjoy God's good gifts, but their joy does not come from self-indulgence or in all the pleasures the world offers, whether they are, sexual or material, or wealth and assets that humans enjoy. They realize the emptiness of these and know that these will only cheer the body up for a short time. Joy for those with God comes in the gain of pleasing Him. They know it is God who gives lasting enjoyment, wisdom, knowledge joy and eternal life.

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## **The meaningless of life on earth and the unfairness of death**

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In a certain sense those who have died are more fortunate than the living and those who have never been born are better than both because they have not seen all the evil on the earth. Everything humans achieve is ultimately meaningless, empty and pointless because no-one knows how to retain life or power over the day of death. Righteous humans often perish before their time in their goodness, while wicked humans live to an old age even though they are doing evil. The same event happens to the righteous and the wicked, as is the good, so is the sinner. What happens to the animals also happens to humans. They all have the same breath and they all die the same way and all go to the same place, all are from the dust and all return to the dust and are forgotten.

**NOTE:** no-one knows if animals will be resurrected (Eccl. 3:21), but there will be animals during Christ's glorious millennial reign as King of kings and Lord of lords on earth.

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### **Humans cannot understand God's way on earth or the way of life**

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Humans cannot know the way the spirit of life comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, nor can they know Gods ways and His work. However, much humans may study in seeking, they will not find it out. Even though a wise person may claim to know, they cannot find it out. There are too many contradictions and exceptions to the general rules and laws of an event or a thing. The contradictions are made obvious by the unfairness of human life on earth and the reality that there are good people who suffer because of the deeds of the wicked and wicked people who are blessed because of the deeds of those that do-good.

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### **Money, riches and wealth**

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God has made prosperity, affluence and success as well as adversity, so that humans cannot know their future. He gives wealth riches and honor to many but does not give everyone the power to enjoy them. The ability to enjoy them is also a gift of God. When goods increase, they increase those who own them, but often, the only advantage of possessions is to satisfy the eyes. Even though money answers everything those who love it will not be satisfied with it and in many cases, it will not even let a person sleep.

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### **Prosperity, affluence, success and adversity**

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A dream or goal comes with a lot of work, but most of a person's work is for their mouth, yet their appetite is never satisfied. A single man or woman who has no family often spends all their time in work, but are never satisfied with their riches. They never think to ask who am I working for and why am I depriving myself of pleasure? A still born child is better off than the person who lives a long life, but has no friends and finds no satisfaction in the good things of life.

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### **Wisdom increases sorrow**

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Wisdom gives understanding, humans are never satisfied they always want something more, one generation goes and another comes, but whatever had been accomplished is forgotten and humanity continues on the same. Wars, famines, murders, theft, sorrow, poverty, adulteries, injustice, perplexities, stress, extreme contrasts between the rich and the poor continue, nothing changes, what has been in the past is what will be in the future, all that the previous generation had accomplished is short lived and forgotten. There is more gain to live in wisdom than folly, but

the same events and ultimately death comes to the wise and the foolish. What happens to the wicked happens to the good. The more knowledge and wisdom a person gains the more they realize that one generation cannot change another, that the human heart is never satisfied, that the same events happen to the wise as the fool and that the wise and the good all end up in the grave so what is the gain, advantage or point of wisdom?

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### Wisdom brings sorrow

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Because wisdom shines a spotlight on the truth that mortal life seems pointless because nothing changes and that the same events happen to every human. No-one can control their life the same events come to all, whether good or wicked, wise or a fool they all end up in the same place (the darkness of the grave).

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### Wisdom and authorities

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Do not stand against the leader of a nation because their word is supreme, they do whatever they please to do. Whoever keeps the rulers command will not know his wrath. The wise will know the proper time and just way to change a thing. A poor man who is wise is better than a leader of a nation who no longer takes advice, but even though a poor person may deliver a city by their wisdom, they are despised and their words are not heard, no one will remember them because they are poor. Yet the words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the shouting of a ruler amongst a government of fools (Eccl. 8) (Eccl. 9).

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### Summary

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No-one can find out the work of God and His ways that is done on the earth. However much a person may toil in seeking, they will not find it out. Even though a wise person claims to know, they cannot find it out. There are too many contradictions and exceptions to the general rules and laws of any given event or thing. The LORD has designed the universe this way so that whether righteous or wicked no-one can find out their own future and know what will happen to them tomorrow. The writer of Ecclesiastes concludes by stating, that without God all is vanity because the good and the wicked, the wise and the fool all end up in the grave and are forgotten. All that has been said can be summed up by saying, "Live with holy respect toward God and do no harm to another human," this is the whole duty of each human on planet earth. God will take every open and secret deed into judgment whether good or evil.

If a person lives many years, let them rejoice in them all; but let them remember that the days of darkness will be many. Without eternal life all that comes is vanity (i.e., meaningless).  
(Eccles. 11:8).

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### For further information see:

- Ecclesiastes.
- In (Commentary NT) (ON WEBSITE MENU).