

Ecclesiastes

Hope for the Living

Ecclesiastes 9

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Introduction:

- What happens when we pursue other things with the same intensity that we should pursue God? You get Luke Warm Christians.
 - That leads to – Spiritually inept Christians – to Spiritually inept Churches – to a Spiritually inept society.
 - Last week we spoke about Two Realities:
 - Reality One –
 - Reality Two –
 - We have four questions to ponder:
 - Can a person know God, yet not have Him present in their life?
 - Can a person really understand the deeper meaning of life without knowing God?
 - Do we serve a God that is so SOVEREIGN, that He would allow man and his Free Will to do all the evil that he does ... **and YET** ... God can still turn man's evil into something good?
 - Is our God so POWERFUL, that you and I can truly rest in the fact that we know He is in control ... **and therefore** ... we can fully TRUST Him to work any situation to the good of those who love Him?
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1. All Mankind is in God's Hands:

- a. **Ecclesiastes 9:1-2**
- b. **Ecclesiastes 8:12-13**
- c. **Hebrews 9:27**
- d. **Romans 20:15**
- e. While we are here on this earth, we do not know whether we will receive love or hate.
- f. But when we are in the presence of God, we know for a fact that we will receive Agape Love.
- g. What is Agape Love? – **1st Corinthians 13:4-8**
- h. **Ecclesiastes 9:3**
- i. **Philippians 2:5-11**

2. There is Hope for the Living!

- a. **Ecclesiastes 9:4-6**
- b. Every day we open our eyes, we have a chance to “Do the right thing.”
 - i. We have a chance –
 - ii. We have a chance –
 - iii. We have a chance –

- iv. We have a chance –
- v. But do not think for a moment –
- c. **Ecclesiastes 9:5-6**
- d. **Ecclesiastes 9:5**
- e. **Ecclesiastes 9:7-10**

3. **Be Known to God, not just Man:**

- a. **Ecclesiastes 9:13-18**
- b. **Genesis 1:1**
- c. Richard Dawkins – “*Physicists are working on the Big Bang Theory and one day they may or may not solve it.*”
- d. **Genesis 1:26**
- e. Video – “*The stars died so you could be here today.*” – Larence Krauss
- f. **Romans 1:18-22**
- g. **2nd Corinthians 10:3-8**
- h. These people may be known to mankind ... But will they be known to God?
 - i. **Matthew 10:32-33**
 - ii. **2nd Corinthians 10:3-8**

