

Ecclesiastes

Remember Your Creator

Ecclesiastes 11-12

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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.
 - We have spoken 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?
 - Much like **Chapter 7**, we are skipping over **Chapter 10** and some of **Chapter 11**. I encourage you to read them.
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1. Enjoy life, but beware:

- a. **Ecclesiastes 11:7-10**
- b. **Psalm 14:1**
- c. People want Christian values out of societal thinking, and a place the world has a foothold, is the church. Does that catch you off guard?
- d. Four Major areas we must beware of:
 - i. Spiritual ...
 - ii. Emotional ...
 - iii. Relational ...
 - iv. Physical ...
- e. Now, did I pick those things because of what Solomon says in **Chapter 11:8**?
- f. Brothers and sisters ... There is nothing more devastating than to be broken in one of these four areas.
- g. There is nothing more crippling to the human condition, than to be broken in all four ... And I can tell you today, one leads to the other.

2. Remember your Creator:

- a. You not only need to know who God is, you need to have Him present in your life.
- b. You need to be connected to Him for His wisdom and knowledge.
- c. **Ecclesiastes 12:1**
- d. Notice that Solomon does not say, “If the days of trouble come.” ... No, Solomon says, “Remember Him before they come.” ... Because they are coming.
- e. **Ecclesiastes 12:2-7**
- f. Solomon says, when you know your Creator, you understand the cycle of life.
- g. **Deuteronomy 34:7**
- h. **Ecclesiastes 9:12**
- i. **Genesis 3:19**
- j. **Ecclesiastes 3:2**
- k. **Romans 9:27**
- l. **Revelation 20:15**

3. The Conclusion of the Matter:

- a. **Ecclesiastes 12:9-12**
- b. **Deuteronomy 4:5-6**
- c. Alex De Tocqueville – (*French statesmen, historian and philosopher*) His words about America.
- d. **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14** – The Conclusion of the Matter
- e. There are six things to keep in mind as we wrap up:
 - i. Learn about God ... study His word ... obey Him.
 - ii. Do not assume that because you are a Christian nothing bad will happen to you ... this world is not fair and we will all die.
 - iii. When bad things do happen ... trust in God, who loves you dearly.
 - iv. Hold your life steady by ... “Doing the right thing” ... according to God’s Word ... We obey Him, because He is God.
 - v. Live boldly for God ... do not be afraid to stand firm in His Word.
 - vi. Enjoy life ... Work hard ... and wear floral scents!