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# Eternity

The God-Given Task

**Ecclesiastes 3:9-15** What gain has the worker from his toil? 10 I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. 11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. 12 I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; 13 also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

14 I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him. 15 That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away. ESV

**Ecclesiastes 3:9-14** But in the end, does it really make a difference what anyone does? 10 I've had a good look at what God has given us to do — busywork, mostly. 11 True, God made everything beautiful in itself and in its time — but he's left us in the dark, so we can never know what God is up to, whether he's coming or going. 12 I've decided that there's nothing better to do than go ahead and have a good time and get the most we can out of life. 13 That's it — eat, drink, and make the most of your job. It's God's gift.

14 I've also concluded that whatever God does, that's the way it's going to be, always. No addition, no subtraction. God's done it and that's it. That's so we'll quit asking questions and simply worship in holy fear. The Message

# The Great Challenge

Ecclesiastes 1:2-3 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. 3 What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun? ESV

## What is the Meaning of Life?

Living by our calendars

God has fixed times.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven ESV

Ecclesiastes 3:9 What gain has the worker from his toil? ESV

# Dealing with Frustrating Restrictions

Submitting to God's determination!

Ecclesiastes 3:10 I've had a good look at what God has given us to do — busywork, mostly.

Problem of our humanity

Isaiah 55:8-9 "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. 9 For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts. NLT

# God's Ways are Good!

Ecclesiastes 3:11 True, God made everything beautiful in itself and in its time MSG

**God is Good All the Time; All the Time God is Good?**

Ecclesiastes 3:11b Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ESV

Ecclesiastes 3:11b but he's left us in the dark, so we can never know what God is up to, whether he's coming or going. MSG

# Eternity in Our Hearts

Our struggle to comprehend eternity!

Our struggle with death.

## THIS LIFE IS NOT ALL THERE IS

2 Corinthians 5:2, NIV: Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling,

2 Corinthians 5:2, ESV: For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,

2 Corinthians 5:2, KJV: For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

# Destination and Preparation

Preparing for a Final Destination





