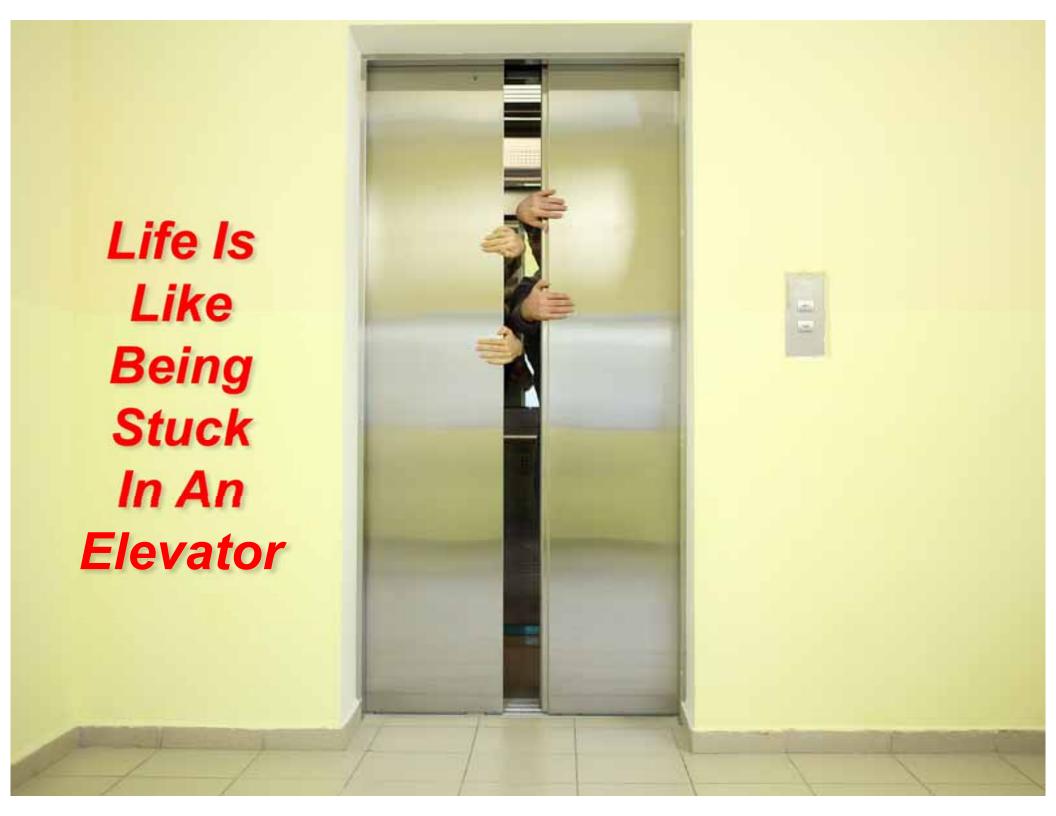


Life Under The Sun

Be Happy! Tomorrow You Die

Ecclesiastes 9:1 – 10



King Solomon's Discovery

Summary of life under the sun . . .

- 1. Work can be enjoyable but . . .
- 2. Wisdom is best but . . .
- 3. Pleasure is preferred above all but . . .

King Solomon's Discovery

- We are trapped in this miserable life . . .
- We are trapped in an elevator called life . . .

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God Is In Control

Ecclesiastes 9:1

- "Have taken all this to my heart"
- "Explain it that righteous men"
- "Men do not know..."

Ecclesiastes 9:2

"one fate for the righteous and the wicked"

Hebrew word is MIQREH = "happening"





Ecclesiastes 9:3

"This is an evil . . ."



Happening

Ecclesiastes 9:3

- "This is an evil . . ."
- Even worse we are:
 - evil
 - insane in this life!

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Die

Death Is the Final Miserable Event

Ecclesiastes 9:4

Better a live dog than a dead lion!

Death Is the Final Miserable Event

Ecclesiastes 9:5 - 6

The living can think but the dead . . .

- Do not think
- Have no reward for anything you do
- Are forgotten
- Don't love
- Don't hate
- Do not have any zeal
- Do not experience life

Death Is the Final Miserable Event

Ecclesiastes 9:5 - 6

Comments about death from:

•	Max Baer, boxer	- 1959
•	Bing Crosby	- 1977
•	Queen Elizabeth I	- 1603
•	Thomas Carlyle	- 1881
•	Leonard Bernstein	- 1990
•	William Porter	- 1910

The Recommendation

Ecclesiastes 9:7 - 10

- Eat in happiness
- Death with a cheerful heart
- Clothes are fine
- Not lacking perfume or cologne
- Enjoy sex
- Enjoy your work

. . . the fleeting days of your life under the sun

The Recommendation

Ecclesiastes 9:7 - 10

Where you are going there is:

- Planning
- Fun
- Knowledge
- Wisdom

... in Sheol

Conclusion

- 1. This is the view of man without God
- 2. Scripture teaches . . .
 - People will be alive in hell
 - Matthew 13:42
 - Luke 16:23
 - Revelation 20:10, 13
 - People will be alive in heaven
 - Matthew 22:32
 - Revelation 21:22-22:2

... and the rich man also died and was buried. In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried out and said, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame."

Luke 16:22-24

He is not the God of the dead but of the living.

Matthew 22:32

Where are you going?