



# Life Under The Sun

***Be Happy! Tomorrow You Die***  
***Ecclesiastes 9:1 – 10***

***Life Is  
Like  
Being  
Stuck  
In An  
Elevator***



# *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 . . .*

*. . . and  
it  
is  
falling*



# ***God Is In Control***

***Ecclesiastes 9:1***

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

# ***One Miserable Fate For All***

***Ecclesiastes 9:2***

***“one fate for the righteous and the wicked”***

***Hebrew word is  
MIQREH = “happening”***



# ***One Miserable Fate For All***

***Ecclesiastes 9:3***

- ***“This is an evil . . .”***



***Happening***

# *One Miserable Fate For All*

*Ecclesiastes 9:3*

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



# ***One Miserable Fate For All***

***Ecclesiastes 9:3***

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

• ***Then we . . .***



***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?***