

The Big Picture

Ecclesiastes

Introduction: Have you ever wondered, “Why?” Why are we here? Every human being on the face of the earth have asked themselves this very question in some form. Some take the time to answer it; some don’t. Very few, grope for the correct answer to this question. Most are willing to take what ever answer is handed to them. They will take whatever answer that will appease the question so that they can continue to live on the path of their choosing. Tonight we will find the answer to this question in the book that has all the answers!

- I. The uniformity of life here on this earth
 - A. There is nothing new under the sun! (*Eccl 1:9-11*)
 - B. All men search for meaning in life (*Eccl 1:13*)
 - C. All men must die (*Hebrews 9:27*)
- II. What about being happiness and possessions?
 - A. Solomon wrote
 1. Ecclesiastes 2:1-3
 2. Ecclesiastes 2:10-11
 3. Ecclesiastes 5:10-17
 - B. Jesus taught on this
 1. Luke 12:16-21
 2. Matthew 6:24-34
 - C. Work and happiness is not inherently sinful but it cannot be man’s all (*II Thess 3:10-12, Eccl 9:10*)
- III. What about family and relationships?
 - A. Family and Fellow man are important
 1. Matthew 19:19
 2. Ephesians 5:33
 3. Ephesians 6:4
 - B. They are not what is most important
 1. Matthew 10:37
 2. Ezra 10:10-11 (cf. Matthew 19:9)
 3. I Corinthians 7
- IV. What about wisdom?
 - A. Solomon wrote
 1. Ecclesiastes 7:23-29
 2. Ecclesiastes 1:18, 12:12
 - B. In the NT we find that the world’s wisdom is foolishness to God (*I Corinthians 1:20-25*)
 - C. Once again, wisdom has its place
 1. Isaiah 55:8-11
 2. Psalm 19:7
 3. Romans 16:19
- V. What is the conclusion?

A. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

B. Romans 8:1-11

Conclusion: All of us make important decisions. When deciding something, do we think spiritually first? or last? Often times we find the best physical situation and work in spiritual things, but what if we did the reverse? If serving God is man's all, why do we not make all of our decisions with spiritual priorities first and then realize that God will take care of the rest?