

In God's Hands

Ecclesiastes 9:1-18 [Page 1044]

Taking it Home:

1. What point of application is the Holy Spirit impressing on your heart from these verses?

Prayer Concerns:

1. Have _____ when _____ [1-6]

2. _____ the _____ of _____ [7-10]

Three pleasures of life:

1. _____ [7-8]

2. _____ [9]

3. _____ [10]

3. _____ the _____ [11-12]

When trouble threatens to overtake you, be...

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

4. _____ your _____ in the _____ but
_____ [13-18]

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. Have you ever won a prize or received a trophy? What was it for?

Digging Deeper:

Read Ecclesiastes 9:1-18

1. Why do you think Solomon returns to the subject of death? Is he fatalistic or trying to draw our attention to something that can fill us with hope?
2. What does the Teacher conclude about human destiny [1-2]?
3. What theme unifies verses 3-6? How is death described here? In this context, what is the “evil” and “madness in their hearts” [3]?

4. Do you feel you deserve a reward in life for your good deeds and righteousness? What trophy do you think you deserve from God? Is it healthy to live with such an expectation?
5. To what actions does the Teacher exhort us in verses 7-10? To what attitude? What motivation does he suggest for such a lifestyle?
6. Given the unexpected nature of life [11-12], how do you prepare yourself for such disruptions?
7. Why is putting one’s faith in Jesus the wisest thing a person can ever do?