

DEATH COMES TO ALL

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TEXT: Ecclesiastes 9:1-10:20 (ESV)

INTRODUCTION

Death, more than anything else, reminds us of the futility of life.

Psalm 90:10

*[10] The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.*

Psalm 103:15

*[15] As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;*

Since death comes to all, let us live our days with great purpose.

THE INEVITABILITY OF DEATH

Whether a person is filled with vices or virtues, they still cannot avoid the reality of death.

Death is the great enemy.

1 Corinthians 15:25–26—*[25] For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26] The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

Romans 5:12—*[12] Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned...*

Revelation 20:14—*[14] Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.*

THE NECESSITY OF JOY

Ecclesiastes is a realistic book that points us to joy.

Ecclesiastes 8:15–[15] *And I commend joy, for man has nothing better under the sun but to eat and drink and be joyful...*

We are to take joy in the things the Lord provides.

We are to take joy in the relationships the Lord provides.

THE NECESSITY OF WISDOM

I want you to understand why death makes wisdom urgent.

Proverbs 8:35–36

*[35] For whoever finds me [wisdom] finds life
and obtains favor from the LORD,
[36] but he who fails to find me injures himself;
all who hate me love death.”*

Wisdom is powerful even when unnoticed.

Wisdom comes from the humble, so do not be impressed with the mighty.

Proverbs 11:2

*[2] When pride comes, then comes disgrace,
but with the humble is wisdom.*

James 3:13–[13] *Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.*

Ephesians 3:10–...*through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.*

Folly is a disease.

Folly, ultimately, is a matter of the heart.

Proverbs 4:23

*[23] Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.*