

What God Does Is Forever

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Ecc 3:14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

- I. The comparison here is man's works to God's works.
 - A. Man's work is vanity and an endless cycle of monotonous futility.
 - B. God's work is everlasting and undeniable.

- II. Man's works are always contained in the earthly, temporal realm.
 - A. Man builds physical objects:
 1. Buildings, bridges, highways.
 - B. Man makes his own toys and his own tools:
 1. ATV's, UTV's, boats, guns, TV's, computers, electronic games.
 2. Cars, trucks, jeeps.
 3. Equipment to tear down or change what is in his way. (i.e. mountains, trees, swamps)
 - C. Man builds organizations:
 1. Churches, governments, empires, companies, colleges, clubs.
 - D. Men build their own little empires:
 1. House, farm, business, financial empire, bank accounts, investments
 - E. Family, friends, and "network" of social connections.

- III. Man's works are temporary – God's are forever.
 - A. Man's works decay with time.
 1. As for most of the works of man, it cannot even be found out who did them – no one even remembers who did them.
 2. After enough time passes there is no trace left of their works.
 - B. God's works become more real and evident with time.
 - C. Man's works can be stopped or destroyed by others.
 - D. God's works cannot be stopped or destroyed by men.

- IV. Man sometimes puts forth a lot of effort to do works that are permanent.
 - A. There is a desire to leave something in the world that will cause people to remember us.
 - B. Since we are men we naturally put those efforts into making or building things that are earthly and temporal, so they just don't last.
 - C. We have a problem mixing up the temporal and the eternal and not distinguishing the difference.

- V. Whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever.
 - A. This is the major distinguishing mark of a true work of God.
 1. What God puts his hand to has no end.
 - B. In Him is life, and so every work he does will have the mark of life.

John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

1. Life never ceases to exist, but is passed from one generation to the next.
 2. Everything living thing produces seed with the potential to recreate itself.
- C. God may do things as far as earthly matters are concerned that are limited by time, but the spiritual works He does are forever.
- D. God doesn't save someone for a limited time – He saves them forever.
- E. A true work of God in your heart will change you FOREVER!
1. Not just until it wears off – if it wears off it wasn't a work of God.
- F. Look for a real work of God in your heart, soul, and life.
- G. Has God done a work in your life that is truly everlasting?
1. Do you know that for sure?

VI. Man cannot add or take away from the work of God.

- A. If man has any part of it, then it isn't a work of God.
- B. If it is accomplished without a man's input or interference, then it is known to be a true work of God.
- C. Have you ever seen a real work of God?