



“Before the Vapor Disappears”

Ecclesiastes 9:1-10 • part 14

INTRODUCTION

- a brief primer on death

Ecccl. 7:29

Gen. 2:17; Rom. 5:12; 8:22

Ezk. 18:20; Jms. 2:20; Rom. 6:23

1. Death—where you have no choices (9:1-6)

- Solomon’s affirmation of divine sovereignty

Prov. 21:1

- the smiling face...or the frowning face of providence?

- for everyone the same fate

- the hope for those living

2. Life—where you have choices (9:7-10)

- facing tomorrow’s death

Ecccl. 1:4; 2:14-17; 3:18-20; 4:8; 5:15-16; 6:6; 8:8; 12:1-7

- enjoying today’s gifts

Ecccl. 2:24; 3:12-15, 22; 5:18-20; 8:15; 11:9-10

- *go...eat...drink...*

- *enjoy...*

Prov. 5:18-19

- *do...*

Col. 3:23-24

CONCLUSION

- death is not an accident, but an appointment

Job 14:5; Ps. 139:16; Heb. 9:27

- enjoy life now, for death is nigh