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Discovering Life in the Land of Death



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⁴ When you make a vow to God, don't delay fulfilling it, because he does not delight in fools. Fulfill what you vow. ⁵ Better that you do not vow than that you vow and not fulfill it. ⁶ Do not let your mouth bring guilt on you, and do not say in the presence of the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry with your words and destroy the work of your hands? ⁷ For many dreams bring futility; so do many words. Therefore, fear God.

Awe In Our Worship

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Hebrews 12:28-29 ESV

²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful. By it, we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.



Ecclesiastes 5:1

CSB: Better to approach **in obedience** than to offer the sacrifice as fools do, for they ignorantly do wrong

ESV: To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil.

Awe In Our Praying

Ecclesiastes 5:2-3 CSB

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Matthew 6:5,7 ESV

⁵ "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

⁷ "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.



Isaiah 46:9-10 CSB

⁹Remember what happened long ago, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and no one is like me.

¹⁰ I declare the end from the beginning, and from long ago what is not yet done, saying: my plan will take place, and I will do all my will.

Awe In Our Vows

Ecclesiastes 5:4-7 CSB

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