



# ECCLESIASTES

*Discovering Life in the Land of Death*



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For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.

<sup>11</sup> Wisdom is good with an inheritance,  
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of him who has it.

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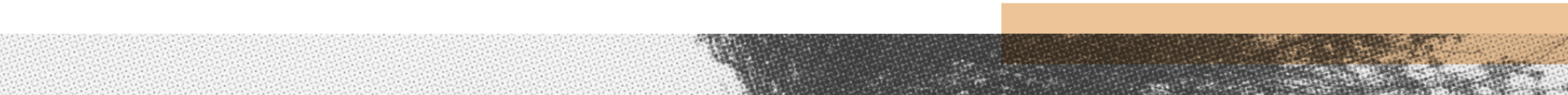
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**Daily Death Reminder**

@death\_reminder

You will die someday.

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# Psalm 90:12

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

# Learning To Walk The Path Of Wisdom



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“Usually we tell ourselves that we have a right to be angry. But Ecclesiastes sees our anger for what it is – sinful folly, spiritual immaturity, and an underlying mistrust of the sovereignty of God.”

**Philip Ryken**



## James 5:7-8 ESV

See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

# Learning To Rest In God's Sovereignty



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“They say of some temporal suffering, ‘No future bliss can make up for it,’ not knowing that Heaven, once attained, will work backwards and turn even that agony into a glory.”

**C.S Lewis**

# Jesus The Wisdom Of God



## Colossians 2:2-3 ESV

...that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ,<sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of **wisdom** and knowledge.