

Answering Life's Big Questions

Ecclesiastes 8:16-9:12

DIVINE WISDOM

FALLEN WORLD

The Book of Ecclesiastes

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Does God exist? What is the meaning of life? What happens after death? Who am I? Why do moral values exist? How do I know what I am supposed to do? People are often seeking to answer life's biggest questions using earthly wisdom. Today, we see that human/earthly wisdom is finite. To answer these questions, we need to turn to divine wisdom.

Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-4

Songs of Praise

Build My Life

Song: It Is Well

Announcements and Offering

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Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 89. How is the Word of God made effective to salvation?

The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effective means of convincing and converting sinners, and building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, to salvation.

Q. 90. How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effective to salvation?

We must attend to the Word with diligence, preparation and prayer, receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives, so that it may become effective to salvation

Song of Declaration

Here's My Heart

Sermon - Answering Life's Big Questions

Sermon Scripture - [Ecclesiastes 8:16-9:12](#)

Who Can Know?

- What is the main theme of this section of Ecclesiastes?
 - [Ecclesiastes 8:16-17](#)
- What do we learn in [Job 11:7-8](#)? How does this relate to life today?
- What do we learn in [Romans 11:33-34](#)? What are the two options we have in relation to this reality?

What Do We Know?

- What can we know? ([Ecclesiastes 9:1-3](#))

Each one of us, without regard for what we've done in life, or whom we know, or what place we might occupy in our society-each one is in the hand of God, and he decides for each of us just what will be for us throughout our lives. - T.M. Moore

- What does Paul teach us in [Romans 9:10-13](#)?
- What do we learn in [Ecclesiastes 9:3](#)?

How Should We Live?

- Is it simply all about enjoying life to the fullest?
 - [Ecclesiastes 9:7](#)
- What did John Calvin state? What is his main point?
 - [Ecclesiastes 9:4-5](#)

...without the gospel everything is useless and vain. - John Calvin

- What is the reality for all those who are in Christ? How does this change how we view this passage?

Song of Response

I Will Rise

Benediction

1. What are the main philosophical questions people are asking today?
2. Read [Job 11:7-8](#). What does Zophar say? Does he mean we cannot know God?
3. [Ecclesiastes 9:1](#) says we are “in the hand of God.” What, if any, comfort does this offer you today?
4. Read [Romans 9:10-13](#). This clearly points to the doctrine of election. How does God’s sovereign choice of Jacob over Esau help us in our own evangelistic efforts?
5. How would you respond to the person who states enjoying this life as much as possible is the key to happiness?
6. Have you ever doubted your own faith? What led to this doubt? How did you overcome that doubt?