

ECCLESIASTES

MARCH 8, 2026

READ

- Read Ecclesiastes 9:1-12 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn. Consider reading the passage a second time in another translation (for instance, NIV or NLT) to aid in comprehension.

EXAMINE

- What is the Preacher communicating about life when he says that “a living dog is better than a dead lion” (v.4)?
- How does the reality of death lead to the importance of enjoyment for the Preacher?
- How does the gospel form a robust understanding of death for Christians?
- Why does the Preacher encourage enjoyment of life’s gifts (food, drink, marriage, etc.)? What do these gifts reveal about God’s character and generosity?
- What does the unpredictability of life (vv.11-12) teach us about both God and humanity?

APPLY

- How does the gospel teach people to “die well”?
- What might it look like to love this life in accordance with the knowledge that it is fleeting?
- “Everyone must give an account before God of all the good things one saw in life and did not enjoy.” How does this quote challenge you to live? What good things can you enjoy this week?
- How does the gospel help us navigate the unpredictability of life and its hardships (vv.11-12)? What might it look like to follow Jesus well through this unpredictability?

PRAY

- Take time to praise God for who He is, confess sins, and/or make requests based on this passage.