

BETTER IS THE SIGHT OF THE EYES

Eccl. 6:7-9

REVIEW OF ECCL. 6

1. God is sovereign
 - a. He gives power to gain riches and to eat of it
 - b. He gives power to gain riches and not eat of it
 - c. A foreigner consumes it
2. The issue of the soul
 - a. The soul is not satisfied with goodness
 - b. It is better to be a still born baby
 - c. Solomon continues to have a dismal view of life

THE ISSUE OF THE SOUL'S SATISFACTION

"All the labor of man *is* for his mouth,
And yet the soul is not satisfied." Eccl. 6:7

1. Physical needs
 - a. To earn a living
 - b. To provide for his family
 - c. To be able to enjoy good food in life
2. Greater needs
 - a. There is a deeper need
 - b. The soul is not satisfied with just eating

PERSPECTIVES IN LIFE AND DEATH

"For what more has the wise *man* than the fool?
What does the poor man have,
Who knows *how* to walk before the living?" Eccl. 6:8

1. No difference in death
 - a. Whether being wise or being a fool
 - b. Being rich or poor
 - c. There is no difference in death
2. What really matters in life
 - a. The rich man and the poor man
 - i. The rich man may have wealth and even wisdom to obtain it

- ii. The poor man may not have much
- b. Walking right before the living

BETTER TO BE CONTENTED WITH WHAT WE HAVE

“Better *is* the sight of the eyes than the wandering of desire.
This also *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.” Eccl. 6:9

- 1. Better is the sight of the eyes
- 2. The wandering of desire
 - a. The heart is not contented with what we have
 - b. Because the soul is not satisfied, the heart wanders to have more in life
- 3. This is also vanity

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. Are we aware of the deeper needs of our soul?
- 2. Wandering of desire...how do we deal with it?