

ALL THINGS COME ALIKE TO ALL

Eccl. 9:1-3

WORKS ARE IN THE HANDS OF GOD

“For I considered all this in my heart, so that I could declare it all: that the righteous and the wise and their works *are* in the hand of God. People know neither love nor hatred *by* anything *they see* before them.” Eccl. 9:1

1. King Solomon’s thoughts
 - a. Considered all things in his heart
 - b. He was confident in declaring this
2. The works of the righteous and the wise
 - a. The righteous and the wise are grouped together
 - b. They work hard in life
 - c. They are disciplined and diligent
 - d. They do their part in their work
3. Seeing the hand of God
 - a. The symbol of the hand of God
 - b. Solomon observed that the works of the righteous are in the hands of God
4. People do not know whether it is love nor hatred that awaits them

DEATH COMES TO ALL

“All things *come* alike to all: One event *happens* to the righteous and the wicked;
 To the good, the clean, and the unclean;
 To him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice.
 As is the good, so *is* the sinner;
 He who takes an oath as *he* who fears an oath.” Eccl. 9:2

1. Solomon can’t seem to shake this dismal outcome of death
2. All things come alike to all
3. One dismal event happens to all - Death
 - a. The good and clean and the unclean
 - b. To him who sacrifices and to him who does not
 - c. To the good and the sinner
 - d. He who takes an oath and he who does not

THE EVIL MAN WILL DIE ONE DAY

“This *is* an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing *happens* to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness *is* in their hearts while they live, and after that *they go* to the dead.” Eccl. 9:3

1. Solomon considers this as an evil under the sun
2. One thing happens to all - Death
3. The wicked
 - a. The hearts of the sons of men are full of evil
 - b. Madness is in their hearts while they live
4. Their death
 - a. The wicked will all die one day
 - b. They will continue with their evil in life

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Seeing the hand of God upon the righteous and the wise
2. Learning not to be dismal in approaching death
3. Seeing God’s sovereign hand in death
 - a. Sometimes, death can be a good thing
 - b. The Lord will judge the wicked in death