

TIME AND CHANCE HAPPEN TO THEM ALL

Eccl. 9:10-12

THE PERSPECTIVE OF DOING WORK

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do *it* with your might; for *there is* no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.” Eccl. 9:10

1. What we have found to do in life
 - a. Work
 - b. Incumbent responsibilities
2. Work that God has given to us
 - a. Work can be challenging
 - b. It may require toiling for long hours
 - c. Hard work is part of our life
 - d. Working hard is something that God has given man to do
3. Do it with all our might
 - a. People can be half-hearted in their approach towards work and responsibilities
 - b. They put in effort towards their work but their heart is not in it
 - c. The challenge is to not be afraid to put one’s whole heart into work
 - d. Whatever we want to do in life, it is good to do it well.

WORK WHILE WE CAN LEST DEATH COMES

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1. The challenge is to work while we can
2. When we die
 - a. No more work
 - b. No more device (Planning)
 - c. No more knowledge
 - d. No more wisdom
3. Solomon saw how death ends all things

SOLOMON’S PERSPECTIVE OF TIME AND CHANCE

“I returned and saw under the sun that—

The race *is* not to the swift, Nor the battle to the strong,
Nor bread to the wise, Nor riches to men of understanding,
Nor favor to men of skill;

But time and chance happen to them all.

For man also does not know his time:

Like fish taken in a cruel net, Like birds caught in a snare,
So the sons of men *are* snared in an evil time,
When it falls suddenly upon them.” Eccl. 9:11-12

1. Solomon returned to observing further the things under the sun
2. Challenging things can happen unexpectedly
3. It is not dependent on who we are and what we do
 - a. The race is not to the swift
 - b. The battle is not to the strong
 - c. Bread to the wise
 - d. Riches to men of understanding
 - e. Favour to men of skill
4. While there is the normal understanding of things
 - a. The race is won by the swift
 - b. The battle is won by the strong etc
 - c. And yet things can still go wrong
5. Time and chance happen to them all
6. Man does not know his time
 - a. Like a fish taken in a cruel net
 - b. Like birds caught in a snare
 - c. Son of men snared in an evil time....calamities...pandemics...etc