

FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS

Eccl. 12:13-14

THE CONCLUSION OF THE WHOLE MATTER

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:...” Eccl. 12:13

1. Much effort had been put into making observations of life
 - a. Grappling with the vanities of life
 - b. Struggling with his own limitations
 - c. Learning to see what truly matters in life and death
2. Much had been ascertained with regards to wisdom and knowledge
 - a. Applying his heart to know Eccl. 7:23-25, 27
 - b. Detailed study with regards to truths Eccl. 12:9-12
3. This is King Solomon’s conclusion of all that he had written

THE CHALLENGE TO FEAR GOD

“Fear God and keep His commandments,
For this is man’s all.” Eccl. 12:13

1. Fear God
 - a. Definition
 - i. Reverence for God
 - ii. Honouring God
 - b. Aspects of fearing God
 - i. The aspect of time and the sovereignty of God Eccl. 3:1-15
 - ii. The aspect of what we say before God Eccl. 5:1-7
 - iii. The aspect of God’s mercy to escape the paradoxes of life Eccl. 7:15-18
 - iv. The aspect of God’s blessing Eccl. 8:12
2. Keep His commandments
 - a. Regard for His commands
 - b. True fear of the Lord leads to Obedience to His word
 - c. Fearing the Lord and keeping His commands go together
3. For this is man’s all
 - a. This is what is required of man
 - b. This is what he should be doing all the days of his life

REASON - THE JUDGMENT OF GOD

“For God will bring every work into judgment,
Including every secret thing,
Whether good or evil.” Eccl. 12:14

1. God will bring our works into judgment
2. Every secret thing
 - a. Good
 - b. Evil
3. Life will come to an end
 - a. Every person would be judged accordingly
 - b. Whether righteous or wicked

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Having a strong impetus to fear the Lord
2. Applying the fear of the Lord in keeping His commandments