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Ecclesiastes
Lesson 6
Chapter 8-9

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Ps 37:1-2

“Do not fret because of evildoers...for they will wither quickly like the grass and fade like the green herb.”

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Eccl 3:1 “There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven”

I Chr 12:32 “...sons of Issachar, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do....”

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Deut 13:11; 17:12-13

“Then all Israel will hear and be afraid and will never again do such a wicked thing among you.”

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Psalm 73:

v.1-2 "Surely God is good to Israel....But as for me, my feet came close to stumbling...."

v.12-13 "Behold these are the wicked; and always at ease....Surely, in vain I have kept my heart pure..."

v.21-22 "When my heart was embittered, and I was pierced within...."

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Ps 73:16b-17

"...It was troublesome in my sight until I came into the sanctuary of God; then I perceived their end."

v.27 "Those who are far from Thee will perish."

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Eccl 9:2-3

"....There is one fate for the righteous and for the wicked....This is an evil in all that is done **under the sun**, that there is one fate for all men....Afterwards they go to the dead."

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Solomon's conclusions:
"refrains of joy"

2:24
3:12-13, 22
5:18-19
8:15
9:7-10
11:9-10

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Solomon's conclusions:
"refrains of joy"

2:24 "There is nothing better for a man than to eat and drink and tell himself that his labor is good...."

3:12-13, 22 "...there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime...every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor—it is a gift of God."

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Solomon's conclusions:
"refrains of joy"

8:15 "...there is nothing good for a man under the sun except to eat and to drink and to be merry...the days of his life which God has given him under the sun."

Solomon's conclusions:
"refrains of joy"

5:18-19 "...to eat, to drink and enjoy oneself in all one's labor ...under the sun during the few years of his life which God has given him; for this is his reward.... God has given riches and wealth, He has also empowered him to eat... to receive his reward and rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God."

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Solomon's conclusions:
"refrains of joy"

9:7-10 "Go then, eat your bread in happiness and drink your wine with a cheerful heart...Let your clothes be white...let not oil be lacking....Enjoy life with the woman whom you love all the days of your fleeting life which He has given you under the sun; for this is your reward....Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...."

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Col 3:17, 23-24:

“Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father....Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of your inheritance. It is the Lord Christ Whom you serve.”

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Lessons from Eccl 8-9:

1. There will always be injustices in this life. Do what the Lord wants you to do; leave judgment to Him.
2. The Lord gives us good things in this life to enjoy. Be thankful and show joy in His good gifts. I Tim 6:17-18; James 1:17
3. The years the Lord has given us on this earth are limited. Do what He wants you to do “as unto the Lord.” Eccl 9:10; Col 3:23-24

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“sheol” (NAS, ESV-transliterates the Hebrew word)

(KJV) “the grave”

(NIV) “realm of the dead”

= a generic Hebrew term referring to the place of the dead.

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