

When All Is Said and Done

Ecclesiastes 6:1-6

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The book of Ecclesiastes is primarily about finding satisfaction and fulfillment in life, but that question cannot be adequately dealt with if we don't also make sense of our inevitable _____.

Throughout the book Solomon makes a distinction between two essentially different ways that a person can live:

1. Life '_____ the sun', lived apart from God and focused on what an individual can do and achieve for themselves.
2. Life '_____ the sun', lived with a healthy fear of God, recognizing that all of man's satisfaction is based on God's presence and blessing.

Another hypothetical man is described in the opening verses of Ecclesiastes 6. This man has obtained much of what the secular world believes is essential to contentment and fulfillment:

- He has great _____
- He has great _____
- He has great _____ among others

Notice two things that our passage makes clear:

1. The man has much good because _____ has given him much. (see 1 Chronicles 29:12-14, 2 Peter 1:2-3)
2. The power to _____ what we have acquired comes from Him as well! Unfortunately, God has not given that power to this man.

God alone knows when our life here on earth is finished, In fact He does more than just *know* when your life will be over – He _____ it. (see Psalm 139:16, James 4:15)

Verse 2 – Since we see so many examples of a man's wealth going to someone else, why not just seek to be the 'someone else' who seems to benefit from the hard work and toil of others?

Is the best thing we can hope for a _____ life? Even if a man lives 2000 years, he must still face the reality that a life lived apart from God cannot bring any enduring satisfaction.

If we do all that we can to make our life what we want it to be and yet we do not honor God as the One who reigns over the throne of our lives, then we have missed the whole point of our existence.

Q: What is the chief end of man?

A: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever. (see 1 Corinthians 10:31, Romans 11:36, Psalm 73:24-26)

All must die, but if your goal is to find satisfaction in this life apart from God, you will not die well.

Will your passing be marked by _____?

Will your passing be defined by _____?

Will the end of your life be darkened by the shadow of _____?

Will your lack of clarity cause you great _____ and _____?

No matter how much life on earth God chooses to give to you, if your faith rests in His ability to rule well, you will know that however much you lived was enough. Trust the sovereignty of God in life, and trust Him just the same in death.