

Ecclesiastes 6:10-12 – A Spiritual Impasse

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What do you *mean* when you say that ‘God is in _____?’
(see Daniel 4:35, Isaiah 46:8-10)

Ecclesiastes 6:10-12 cause the reader to face one of life’s great dilemmas: Though man has a will of his own, that will does not match the will of God. When these two wills collide, one of the two must yield, and it won’t be the perfect and eternal will of God.

Solomon begins this section by reflecting on a pair of concepts which spring from God’s sovereignty:

1. What has come to be has already been _____ by God.

2. God already knows the essential essence of what man _____.

Man is _____ by God.

Man is created in the _____ of God.

Man refuses to _____ as the image of God.

Man’s rebellion has earned him the _____ of God.

Man cannot _____ himself from the debt that he owes to God.

The dissatisfaction we experience in life all boils down to this great spiritual impasse:

**Man doesn’t want what God wants,
and we can’t both get what we want.**

The will of the Lord will continue to move forward.

THE QUESTION: Will we _____ it with all our might and be exhausted unto death? Or will we _____ the will of the Lord and see it carry us where we need to be?

Psalms 2 is a very fitting compliment to Ecclesiastes 6:10-12...

The _____ – verses 1-3

God’s _____ to the opposition – verses 4-9

The _____ we are to take away from this reality – verses 10-12

CONSIDER THIS: How would your life be different if you actually could break free from the sovereign will of God?

*Autonomy from God is a curse, not a blessing. To succeed in breaking free from God would be to separate ourselves from all that is good and loving and righteous.