

**FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION**  
**ECCLESIASTES: Wisdom for Life**  
**Ecclesiastes 9:1-12 - Finding Joy in the Journey - 04.19.2026**

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?  
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
  
2. At the top of the message I posed the question, "WHAT DO YOU ENJOY IN LIFE?" - So...what do you enjoy in life?  
What is it specifically about those activities/people/things that you enjoy?  
Have you ever struggled with enjoying anything more than the Lord (idolatry), or with guilt for enjoying life at all (asceticism)?  
What are some practical steps we can take to prevent these pitfalls and actually find enjoyment in life by God's grace?  
How does living our lives unto Christ enable us to find enjoyment even while living in a fallen world?
  
3. Take a moment to read Ecclesiastes 9:1-12 - what stands out to you?  
Below is a breakdown of these verses and the main points in each section of verses:  
*Death is a reality we'll all face in this fallen world! (Ecclesiastes 9:1-6, 11-12)*  
*We experience joy in life as we look to the Lord! (Ecclesiastes 9:7-10)*  
Have you spent time in your life thinking about the fact that, "Death is a reality we'll all face in this fallen world!"?  
How does the inevitability of death for all people living in a fallen world impact how you live your life each day?
  
4. Why is it so important for us to understand that Solomon is writing from the perspective of "life under the sun" in these verses?  
How does it help us to understand that his comparison statements are from a temporal perspective rather than an eternal one?  
With the reality of death before us, how do we avoid the "opposite" pitfalls of despair & debauchery (self-indulgence)?  
Have you ever found yourself given toward either of these responses in your life? How did you navigate that?
  
5. How do verses 7-10 encourage you in your life to find enjoyment despite the fact that one day your life in this world will end?  
What role does trusting in Jesus play in our ability to find enjoyment in what's listed in these verses & real enjoyment in life?  
How can we receive these gifts from God & avoid the potential correlating temptations of gluttony, drunkenness, etc.?
  
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from this sermon; do any of these particularly encourage, convict, & challenge you? If so, how?  
Death is a reality we'll all face in this fallen world!  
*Resist temptations to despair or to debauchery!*  
We experience joy in life as we look to the Lord!  
*A life of joy is ours as we abide in the "Life-Giver!"*  
**\*\*WHAT DO YOU ENJOY IN LIFE?\*\***  
*Keep enjoying those blessings as you remember the Source of all of them!*