

ECCLESIASTES Chapter 9

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I. ALL ARE DEPENDENT UPON GOD, 9:1

- A. “in the hand of God” – all are dependent on God.
- B. Compare Matthew 11:26; Psalm 119:109

II. SOME UNIVERSAL EVENTS, 9:2-6

A. There are some universal events:

- 1. Things alike to all: righteous, wicked, good, clean, unclean, worshipper, non-worshipper, etc.
- 2. One event alike to all: Death!
- 3. Unrighteousness is a waste of life and inadequate preparation for death.
- 4. We must use opportunities at hand: small present opportunities (“living dog”) are better than large non-existent ones (“dead lion”) – contrast also 6:5 and 7:1.

B. The common characteristic of the above: “under the sun.”

III. REJOICING IN GOD’S FAVORS, 9:7-18

- A. We must learn to properly appreciate God’s favors in life.
- B. We must learn to seek and accomplish what we can in life.
- C. There are both favorable and unfavorable situations that come to all.
- D. Some understand how to exercise good judgment.
 - 1. Note Solomon’s illustration.
 - 2. Note the contrast between quiet counsel and foolish noise.