

## Embracing God's Timing

### Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

#### Introduction

The Hebrew Tanakh lists the book of Ecclesiastes as one of the books of wisdom. It is an interesting read of only twelve chapters contrasting two views of life. The writer poses the question, "Should we view life from a human or a divine perspective?" Is God's presence eternal or temporal? That question makes Ecclesiastes a very relevant book.

1. One of the famous sayings from the book of Ecclesiastes you've probably heard many times, "Vanity, Vanity, all is \_\_\_\_\_."
2. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ view of life viewed through human eyes.
3. The second view is the eternal one from verse 1 of Chapter 12, "Remember now your Creator in the days of your \_\_\_\_\_."
4. The word "Ecclesiastes" comes from the Greek translation of the Hebrew title \_\_\_\_\_.
5. That is the name of "The \_\_\_\_\_," who is the main speaker in the book.
6. Humanly speaking, he cannot ascribe any lasting meaning to this life without a view of the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. According to the Talmud, the point of Kohelet is that everything under the sun is \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Therefore, a person should put all their effort towards that which is \_\_\_\_\_ the sun.
9. The Preacher's final advice is to fear God and keep His \_\_\_\_\_, for that is the whole duty of every person.

10. The Preacher says that \_\_\_\_\_ has an important impact on everything
11. God did not create you to live a life of \_\_\_\_\_!
12. God has an eternal \_\_\_\_\_ and purpose for your life!
13. Discovering that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ is the only lasting solution to the problems and questions we face in life.
14. Only through God's \_\_\_\_\_ can we achieve the eternal purpose and destiny God has designed for us.

## **I. God's Presence Around You**

15. We start by \_\_\_\_\_ that God's presence is around us.
16. The work of God in \_\_\_\_\_ manifests His eternal beauty every day of your life.
17. Beauty permeates \_\_\_\_\_ through and through.
18. When you begin to discover and enjoy the incredible beauty God has placed all around you, you begin to experience the eternal \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
19. Begin to realize that there is a beautiful and positive \_\_\_\_\_ to the ordered events of your life in Christ.
20. Don't get lost in the details and \_\_\_\_\_ of life; rest in the fact that you are a product of God's creative genius.

## **II. God's Presence Within You**

21. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the presence of God into our life.
22. Within the heart of every person is a consciousness of \_\_\_\_\_ and with that the longing after it.

23. The Preacher says that God has set this eternity in our \_\_\_\_\_.
24. Strive as we will; we cannot \_\_\_\_\_ God's work from the beginning even to the end.
25. God created us as \_\_\_\_\_ creatures.
26. God wants you to \_\_\_\_\_ His eternal presence and invite Jesus to come into your life.
27. God uses what happens around you to \_\_\_\_\_ himself to you, so you will allow the Holy Spirit to create an awaking within your spirit.
28. God's eternal presence \_\_\_\_\_ all of creation.

### **III. God's Presence Above You**

29. Verse 11 says, "yet so, man cannot find out the work that \_\_\_\_\_ has done from the beginning even to the end."
30. The finite can never attain \_\_\_\_\_. Trying to take God's place will only lead you to insanity.
31. We live in a \_\_\_\_\_ world, yet we have the consciousness of eternity in our hearts.
32. We need divine \_\_\_\_\_, we need eternal intervention.
33. The joy for all those who believe in Christ is that there are \_\_\_\_\_ things to experience and enjoy beyond the bounds of time and space.
34. We won't be limited to a \_\_\_\_\_ body forever.
35. God has plans to outfit us with a body that is not \_\_\_\_\_ by time and space.
36. God is greater than any of our \_\_\_\_\_!

37. The Preacher says that the \_\_\_\_\_ of man grow weary with the sight of things.
38. From the first time our eyes look out into this world, they begin to see mortality and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Conclusion

39. Don't let yourself become a captive of time and a \_\_\_\_\_ of your circumstances.
40. Embrace the divine presence of God and become a conqueror of time and \_\_\_\_\_ over your circumstances.

The Preacher's final words are in Chapter 12. He says, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil."

### ANSWERS

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Vanity       | 21. Welcome        |
| 2. Temporal     | 22. Eternity       |
| 3. Youth        | 23. Heart          |
| 4. Kohelet      | 24. Comprehend     |
| 5. Preacher     | 25. worshipping    |
| 6. Eternal      | 26. Embrace        |
| 7. Futile       | 27. Reveal         |
| 8. Above        | 28. Permeates      |
| 9. Commandments | 29. God            |
| 10. Timing      | 30. Infinity       |
| 11. Futility    | 31. Time-defined   |
| 12. Plan        | 32. Transformation |
| 13. Real        | 33. Greater        |
| 14. Grace       | 34. Physical       |
| 15. Recognizing | 35. Limited        |
| 16. Creation    | 36. Circumstances  |
| 17. Nature      | 37. Eyes           |
| 18. Presence    | 38. Decay          |
| 19. Purpose     | 39. Victim         |
| 20. Tasks       | 40. victor         |