

“YOU’RE IN GOOD HANDS”

Ecclesiastes 9

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I. He revealed benefits of wisdom, but there is something deeper to consider. (vv. 1)

“But all this I laid to heart”

“the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God”

“whether it is love or hate, man does not know”

“Jacob I have loved, Esau I have hated”

Consider you are in good hands for _____.

Psalms 32:4; 48:10; 95

Proverbs 16:33

Romans 9:13; 11:33

Ephesians 1:11

“... we are invited to rest content with our own limitations and to worship God for his superior wisdom.”
-Philip Ryken

II. Does being in His good hands mean no bad things will happen? (vv.2-6)

“It is the same for all”

“the same event happens ... to all”

“righteous & wicked, good & evil, clean & unclean, sacrifices & not, takes oaths & not”

“the hearts of the children of men are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts”

“Forever they have no more share in all that is done under the sun.”

Consider you are in good hands while you _____.

Psalms 31: 5

Luke 23:46

"One reason it is so hard to tell whether God is for us or against us is because the same things happen to everyone." -Philip Ryken

"The human heart is full of so much evil that it almost drives us out of our minds. ... People commit acts of lawless violence, like killing police officers. They pursue self-destructive addictions, like sex and drugs. They hurt the people they love most and need the most, including the members of their own families. We are living in a mad, mad, mad, mad world." -Philip Ryken

III. Because we're in His hands, what does the Preacher tell us to do?
(vv. 7-10)

"Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart."

"God has already approved."

"Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life..."

Consider you are in good hands to find _____ in _____.

Proverbs 5:18-19

Malachi 2:15

1 Corinthians 7:3

"A man who has no wife lives without good, help, joy, blessing and atonement."

-Kohleth Rabbah

"Life's enjoyments are not guilty pleasures but godly pleasures- or at least they ought to be."

-Philip Ryken

"Without the gospel of our crucified and risen Savior our marriages slide toward the superficial."

-Dave Harvey

Digging Deeper:

1. How is God's undeserved favor received? Have you received it?
2. Why is it important that our salvation is in His hands and not ours?
3. Who is someone you miss that died? What do you miss about them? Thank God for them.
4. How can you trust God in moral mayhem of this life?
5. What keeps you from enjoying the most important people in your life?
6. How does Jesus free us to enjoy them?