

Newsletter - Sunday 3 April 2022

Questions for reflection

1. With reference to Ecclesiastes 8:15, what does Solomon's conclusion to 'eat and drink and be glad' reveal about his quest for meaning and purpose?
2. What, according to the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15, ultimately gives meaning and purpose to life?
3. Discuss what you have discovered regarding God's purpose with meaninglessness and the response He desires from us.

Reading: Isaiah 22:8-13

Bible References

Ecclesiastes 2:24 'A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God.'

Ecclesiastes 3:13 'I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.'

Ecclesiastes 5:18 'This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot.'

Ecclesiastes 8:15 'So I commend the enjoyment of life, because there is nothing better for a person under the sun than to eat and drink and be glad. Then joy will accompany them in their toil all the days of the life God has given them under the sun.'

Isaiah 22:12-13 'The Lord, the Lord Almighty, called you on that day to weep and to wail, to tear out your hair and put on sackcloth. But see, there is joy and revelry, slaughtering of cattle and killing of sheep, eating of meat and drinking of wine! "Let us eat and drink," you say, "for tomorrow we die!"

Luke 12:18-19 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

1 Corinthians 15:20-32 'Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them? And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? I face death every day—yes, just as surely as I boast about you in Christ Jesus our Lord. If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus with no more than human hopes, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

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