

BRINGING GOD'S HIDDEN TREASURE INTO THE LIGHT

13 FEBRUARY 2022



NEW TO CAMBRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH?

If you are visiting for the first time, we say kia ora and a very warm WELCOME to you. As you worship with us we trust that you will feel at home, but more than that, to know the presence of God has touched your life through the worship and the Word. It is our intention to provide you with a loving environment, where people are encouraged in their journey of faith. Please stay for a cup of coffee or tea with us after the service.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9 AM TO 1 PM

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Discuss the issue of self-determination and how it connects with Solomon's description of life 'under the sun' in Ecclesiastes.
2. Discuss some of the things human beings do in order to overcome the reality of mortality, decay and lack of control in their lives.
3. Explore the responses that God is looking for from us as we encounter the realities in question 2 above.
4. With reference to Ecclesiastes 3: 11b, discuss why God might be described as 'cruel' by some people and 'merciful' by others.

BIBLE REFERENCES

Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

Psalm 39:5 'You, indeed, have made my days as handbreadths, and my lifetime as nothing before You. Truly each man at his best exists as but a breath'. Selah

Psalm 78:39 'He remembered that they were but flesh, a passing breeze that does not return'.

Psalm 144:4 'Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow'.

BIBLE REFERENCES CONTINUED

Ecclesiastes 6:12 'For who knows what is good for a person in life, during the few and meaningless days they pass through like a shadow? Who can tell them what will happen under the sun after they are gone?'

Ecclesiastes 7:13 'Consider what God has done: Who can straighten what he has made crooked?'

Ecclesiastes 8:7-8 'Since no one knows the future, who can tell someone else what is to come? As no one has power over the wind to contain it, so no one has power over the time of their death'.

Ecclesiastes 9:11-12 'I have seen something else under the sun: The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favor to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all.' Moreover, no one knows when their hour will come: As fish are caught in a cruel net, or birds are taken in a snare, so people are trapped by evil times that fall unexpectedly upon them'.

Ecclesiastes 10:14 'No one knows what is coming—who can tell someone else what will happen after them?'

Ecclesiastes 11:2 'Invest in seven ventures, yes, in eight; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land'

James 4:14 'Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes'.

What's happening

NOTICE FROM CHURCH LEADERSHIP - Kia Ora, Church, We are grateful to have Werner still with us until Easter. The church leadership are prayerfully considering who will be on the search committee. Please keep this and the following dates in your prayers.

- Monday 14th February, elders meeting discussing membership of the search committee
- Friday 18th February, further elders meeting to finalise the recommended search committee

Sunday 20th February, straight after the first service, a special meeting for church members to ratify the recommended search committee.

If you would like further information or have questions, please contact Keith Grala, chairperson of the elder group on kgrala@live.com
Blessings,

The church leadership

STRENGTH AND BALANCE CLASSES - start back up again, after two long weekends, on Monday 14th, at 9.30am in the hall. Cost \$4. Remember: facemasks on until exercises start & vaccine passes required.

TITHING - the bank account number, for those who would like to pay online is: 02 0300 0014711 00. Please make sure to include your tithing number in the reference