

Text: Ecclesiastes 9:1-18  
Topics: Death, Enjoyment, Fate, Wisdom  
Series: Ecclesiastes: Words to the Wise

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## Living with Uncertainties

### I. The Fate (1-6)

Though life will have uncertainties and unfairness, it is still better to be alive.

### II. The Fun (7-10)

Enjoy the people, provisions, and opportunities you have today!

### III. The Frustrations (11-18)

Though time, chance, the ungrateful, the fool, and the sinner steal justice, wisdom is still worth pursuing.

God's wisdom leads us to Jesus Christ!

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. What is your worst fear? Why?
2. Read Ecclesiastes 8:14 and 9:1-2. What unfairness's of life are brought out? What consolation is given?  
  
Are the uncertainties of what may be in your future unsettling to you? Do they generate emotion? Explain.
3. Jesus doesn't seem very fair when He says, "the last shall be first" (Matthew 20:16), and, "For to everyone who has, more will be given" (Matthew 25:29). How are we to understand this?  
  
How would you explain this to another person struggling with unfairness?
4. How are we to understand what seems to be a contradiction between Ecclesiastes 9:4-6 and 4:2-3? Is it better to be alive, or dead? Why?
5. Solomon encourages one to eat, drink, and be merry (Ecclesiastes 2:24; 3:12-13, 22; 5:18; 8:15; 9:7-10) but Jesus condemns the man for this in His parable (Luke 12:19). What's the difference?  
  
How would you make application of eat, drink, and be merry to your life?
6. Solomon both commended and showed the futility that can be experienced in wisdom (Ecclesiastes 9:14-18). Why is it easier to commend wisdom as a New Testament believer?
7. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?