

Ecclesiastes

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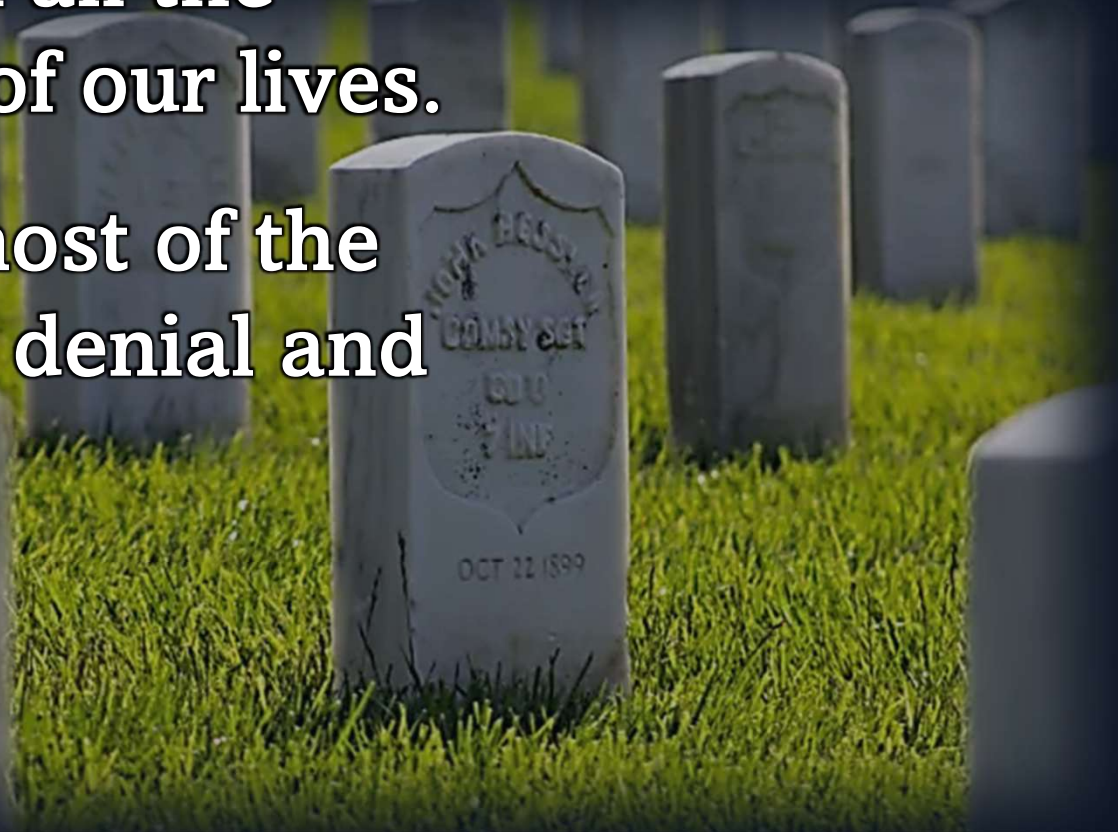
- I. *This is a weary and worn-out world.*
- II. *We are captives on the carousel of life & time.*
- III. *Eternity beckons but eludes us.*
- IV. *Death awaits us all. (3:18-22; 6:12-7:4; 9:1-10)*

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- **The fact of our mortality is an ever-present reality in all the moments and events of our lives.**
- **Most human beings most of the time live their lives in denial and fear of death.**



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- The plans, projects, and endeavors that we hoped would create meaning, gain eternity, or leave a legacy are taken from us.
- “We brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it” (1 Tim. 6:7; see Ecc. 9:6, 10).



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- Death is evil (Ecc. 9:3); it entered the world through sin (Rom. 5:12) as an aspect of the curse for Adam & Eve’s disobedience (Gen. 2:17; 3:19; Rom. 5:17).
- Since the Fall, humanity is under the reign of death (Is. 25:7; Rom. 5:14).



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- Contemplating our mortality & the brevity of our lives gives us a proper perspective on what is wisdom & what is important in life.
- Dying well is as important as living well.



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- If we do not ask or expect of life in this world what it cannot give, we can enjoy the things of this life in gratitude to God (see 1 Tim. 4:3-5).
- Taking into account the reality of death should not lead to morbid fascination or grim “celebration.”

