



Mist Management

A Study of Ecclesiastes 9

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Introduction: We are currently engaged in a study of the book of Ecclesiastes. We have studied about how the Bible compares our life to dust, grass, shadow, vapor, breath, and a mist (a puff of air). James says, “Your life is like a mist. You can see it for a short time, but then it goes away” (James 4:14). Solomon is helping see that we can’t grasp this little mist (puff of air). We can’t hold that mist in our hand. The mist is only there for a short time and then it fades away. This particular chapter he’s going to show us some life management skills that will help us in our daily walk with God. Let’s study together...

Discussion:

Life Management Skill #1 - Expose the Inevitability of Death (vs.1-6)

A= Acknowledge God's Presence

Exodus 3:1-4:17, Psalm 90, Habakkuk 2:20, Psalm 46:10

H= Humble Yourself in the Sight of the Lord

Exodus 10:3, II Kings 22:19, II Chronicles 34:27, Daniel 5:22, 10:12, James 4:10

A= Actively Honor God

Romans 8:26-27, I Corinthians 3:16-17, II Corinthians 1:5, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 1:13-14, Titus 3:5, II Peter 1:3-4

Life Management Skill #2 - Enjoy the Uncertainty of Life (vs.7-12)

Enjoy daily activities (vs.7-8)

Luke 9:23, Romans 12:1-2

Enjoy your relationships (v.9)

Song of Songs 8:6-7, Ephesians 5:22-23, John 13:34-35

Enjoy your work (vs.10-12)

Proverbs 12:14, Proverbs 28:19, I Corinthians 15:58, Ephesians 6:5-9

Life Management Skill #3 - Extract Godly Wisdom (vs.13-18)

Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 2:6-12, Proverbs 13:10, Isaiah 55:9, Jeremiah 9:23-24, Hosea 14:9, Matthew 7:24-27, I Corinthians 2:1-16, James 1:5

Conclusion: What can we learn from worldly people like Howard Hughes? Let’s listen to Solomon’s advice about living a good life and living in the mist. Do you have a mist understanding? Are you living for this life or the next one? What’s the whole of man? To fear God and keep His commandments. Give your heart, soul, mind and strength to the Lord! Stop grasping at the wind. Choose wisdom and live under the will of God.