



Mist Alignments

A Study of Ecclesiastes 12

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Introduction: This week we are concluding our series on the book of Ecclesiastes. We have noticed 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), but Solomon says don’t spend your life trying to grasp at the mist (Ecclesiastes 1:14, 1:17, 2:11, 2:17, 2:26, 4:4, 4:6, 4:16, 6:9). In this final chapter, Solomon tells us how to give our life a mist adjustment. Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. Align Your Past (vs.1-2)

Ecclesiastes 11:9-10, Proverbs 22:6, Deuteronomy 6:6-7, Ephesians 6:4, Colossians 3:21, Mark 10:32, Luke 12:32, Matthew 10:28, Luke 12:5, Psalm 103:12, Micah 7:19, Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 8:8-12, Philippians 3:13-14

II. Align Your Present (vs.3-7)

Genesis 2:7, Genesis 25:17, Lamentations 1:19, Luke 12:22-34, Matthew 6:19-34, Matthew 25:31-46, Philippians 4:6

III. Align Your Future (vs.8-14)

Joshua 14:6-15, Joshua 15:13-19, Isaiah 25:8, Matthew 5:17-20, Matthew 7:13-14, John 14:2-3, Philippians 1:23, Colossians 3:1-5, II Peter 3:13, Revelation 7:17, Revelation 21:4, Revelation 22:5

Conclusion: Worldly people don’t know how to prepare for death. Unfortunately, many godly people aren’t prepared either. Solomon says, *“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.”* We need to align our past, present, and future. Are you ready to meet God in judgment? If you have not feared God, believe and repent. If you have not kept commandments of the Lord, confess those faults. If you are not prepared for judgment, be baptized or be restored. God patiently waits for your decision. Come to Jesus!