

## ***Living Amid Uncertainty and Death*** **Ecclesiastes 9:1-12**

### Main Point:

Since life is uncertain and death is not, be ready to die and live life to the fullest.

1. Even though God is sovereign, your life is full of uncertainty.

2. But the one thing you can be certain of is the day of your death.

3. Thus, you need to make sure you're ready to die before it's too late.

4. And you need to make sure you live your life to the fullest as well.

**WSC 11** Q. What are God's works of providence? A. God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

**Matthew 5:45** 45 ... for [God] makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. (NKJV)

**Gordon Keddie** "Christians are not immune from the ordinary troubles that afflict the human race. We are strangers neither to heartache nor to personal failure."

**Philip Ryken** "Life is unpredictable; its misfortunes are inevitable ..."

**Ecclesiastes 7:20** 20 For *there is* not a just man on earth who does good And does not sin. (NKJV)

**Douglas Sean O'Donnell** "It means that a miserable existence, like that of an alley cat or a sewer rat, is better than a king's situation in his coffin."

**Revelation 21:8** 8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." (NKJV)

**1 Thessalonians 1:9-10** 9 For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. (NKJV)

**Colossians 3:23-24** 23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. (NKJV)

**Philip Ryken** "The world is full of good things that bring pleasure to life but were never intended to satisfy the soul. When we pursue these things apart from a relationship with God, we end up losing the joy that they can bring to life."