

ECCLESIASTES

**FROM BIRTH TO DEATH,
AND AFTER DEATH**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
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Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 (Groups: read it twice with different readers)

What did you first think when you read these verses?

Verses 2-8 are a poem about the rhythm of life. Like many poems it captures both experiences and emotions. What parts of your life did it bring to mind? Does it describe your life well?

In verse 11 the Preacher says that we can understand something of eternity, but only God knows its true breadth. Why has God made it this way? It can be frustrating to know what little we do, but why might it be best for us this way?

How is this life, challenging though it may be, a gift from God to people? Where do you see God's blessings in your life?

Are you comforted by the absolute supremacy of God (v. 14)? How can we reconcile the trials we experience with the providence of God?

Read Psalm 111:10. Why is it good for us to fear God? How would you define fear in this case? What does it include and how might it be different from other types of fear?

Do these verses increase your joy in God? Why and how? Verses 12-13 help us see the pathway to perspective and contentment in this life. How are we blessed by God when we learn from them?