

Seeking Peace

"And moreover I saw under the sun, in the place of justice, that wickedness was there; and in the place of righteousness, that wickedness was there. I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked; for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work. I said in my heart, It is because of the sons of me, that God may prove them and that they may see that they themselves are but as beasts. For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; and man hath no preëminence above the beasts: for all is vanity.

All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. Who knoweth the spirit of man, whether it goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast, whether it goeth downward to the earth? Wherefore I saw that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his works; for that is his portion: for who shall bring him back to see what shall be after him" (Ecclesiastes 3:16-22)?

Just as life begins, it soon ends. Man looks at his life and all the events that transpire in it and often wonders at its purpose. As a child of God, one knows their purpose is to glorify God (Isaiah 43:7), and that such is accomplished by doing those things given to us of God to accomplish (John 17:4), Even then, the difficulties of life pervade the mind and create questions, of which man is unable to answer.

Ultimately, in spite of man's desire to answer the questions of life, man comes to the same end as the beast of the land, for they doth die and return to the dust. ret