

Some Certain Things In An Uncertain World.

[12-9-12-Sunday Morning]

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 9:1-5

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Intro: Today we will be looking at a few sure things based upon God's word in an uncertain world.

1. **Everyone Will Die Some Day.**[Death happens To All-Psalm 89:48]

What man can live and not see death? Can he deliver his life from the power of the grave?

a. Everything has its time. [Ecclesiastes 3:1-2]

To everything *there is* a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: ² A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck *what is* planted;

b. Ecclesiastes 9:5-both the wicked and the righteous [Ecc.9:1-3]

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c. Hebrews 9:27- "illustration of best of health." Death will come and could come at any time, therefore we must live our lives in preparation of death.

2. **Everything Will Be Left Behind.**

a. Job 1:21- Job said after losing all his possessions.

²¹ And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD."

b. 1 Timothy 6:6-8

⁶ Now godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸ And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content

c. Luke 12:16-21

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. ¹⁷ And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' ¹⁸ So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.' ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry.'" ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' ²¹ So *is* he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

3. Everyone Will Give Account To God For Their Lives.

a. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; 1 John 5:3

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14: ¹³ Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. ¹⁴ For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

1 John 5:3 - For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome

b. Galatians 6:7-8; 1 Peter 4:5

Galatians 6:7-8: ⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

1 Peter 4:5 - ⁵ They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead

c. "Everyone is accountable for their sins, but thanks to Christ's sacrifice for us we can have God's forgiveness.

4. God's Judgment Will Come.

a. 2 Corinthians 5:10-Desire to please God

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

b. Acts 17:30-31-The assurance of the coming judgment is the resurrection

³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

c. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9,10- "who do not know God"[Romans 1:18-21];" who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."[Romans 10:9-10; Acts 2:38]

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10: ⁷ and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from

the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, ¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed

Romans 1:18-21: ¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 10:9-10: ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation

Acts 2:38 - ³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

- d. Revelation 20:12 - ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books

Invitation: John 12:48, Mark 16:15-16, Hebrews 9:27-28

John 12:48 – ⁴⁸ He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him-- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day

Mark 16:15-16: ¹⁵ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Hebrews 9:27-28: ²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.