

Dead Wrong

Eccl.9:5-6

I. Context of Ecclesiastes 9

Earthly circumstances (1)

No one can determine God's view of someone by earthly circumstances (Lk.16)

Ec.6:1-6

Prosperity not always good

Ec.7:1-6

Adversity not always bad (Lk.16)

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We walk by faith

Outward appearances may defy explanation

Job's friends

Righteous – Unrighteous (2-3)

Righteous have no advantage over
unrighteous . . . **under the sun** (3,6)

Thus some are not converted. Ps.73

'This is an evil' – leaves God out
of picture for now

'One thing' (all) – wicked join
righteous in grave

Life → Hope (4)

Lowly dog better than majestic lion

Key thought: LIFE

Earthly perspective (5-6)

Under the sun . . . when man dies,
he is finished with life

Not memory loss (1 Sm.28; Lk.16)

Not discussing the hereafter. Jn.9

Knowledge / rewards / opportunity
in this life cease at death (v.10)

Explains 3:18-22

Eccl.3:18-22

18: man like animal: greed (16);
mortality (19)

19-20: death, the great leveler

Gn.3:19

21: without God, our death no
different than cow's. Ps.49:12-15;
Ec.12:7, 14

22: unknown future is reason to be
content with present portion

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II. Certainty on Ecclesiastes 9

If 5a is absolute (dead know absolutely nothing) . . . so is 5b

'Know nothing' is not unconscious state, but ignorance of earthly affairs.

V.6: *under the sun*

1. Job 8:9, For we *were born* yesterday, and **know nothing**, Because our days on earth *are a shadow*.

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2. 1 Sm.20:39, But the lad **did not know anything**. Only Jonathan and David knew of the matter.

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2. 1 Sm.20:39.
3. 2 Sm.15:11, And with Absalom went two hundred men invited from Jerusalem, and they went along innocently and **did not know anything.**

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2. 1 Sm.20:39.
3. 2 Sm.15:11.
4. Is.5:13, Therefore my people have gone into captivity, Because *they have no knowledge* . . .

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3. 2 Sm.15:11.
4. Is.5:13.
5. Jn.11:49, And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, **"You know nothing at all . . .**

We are two parts (Ec.12:7)

Physical

Spiritual

Ac.7:59

Ex.3:6

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III. Concerns About Consciousness

Christ: firstfruits, 1 Co.15:20

1. What happened to Him will happen to us: D B R (1-4)
2. Was He unconscious while body was buried? Lk.23:43
 - Is it paradise if we are unconscious?

'For You will not leave my soul in Hades,
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see
corruption' – Ac.2:27

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 - Song 5:2, asleep; heart awake
 - Mt.1:24, spoke to Joseph in sleep
 - Ep.5:14, orders to sleepers

Famous reunions

1. Gn.25:8, gathered to his people (15:15, to his fathers). Who??
Not buried in Ur / Haran . . .
2. Gn.49:33, Jacob gathered to his people immediately after dying, before burial
3. Dt.32:50, Moses / Aaron

Famous reunions

1. Gn.25:8, gathered to his people
2. Gn.49:33, Jacob gathered
3. Dt.32:50, Moses / Aaron
 - Mt.8: . . .11, Abraham's people keep gathering to him...
 - Mt.22:...32, man's spirit survives; Abraham lives (Lk.20:38)
 - Lk.16:22 (Abraham); 23, sleep would be welcome

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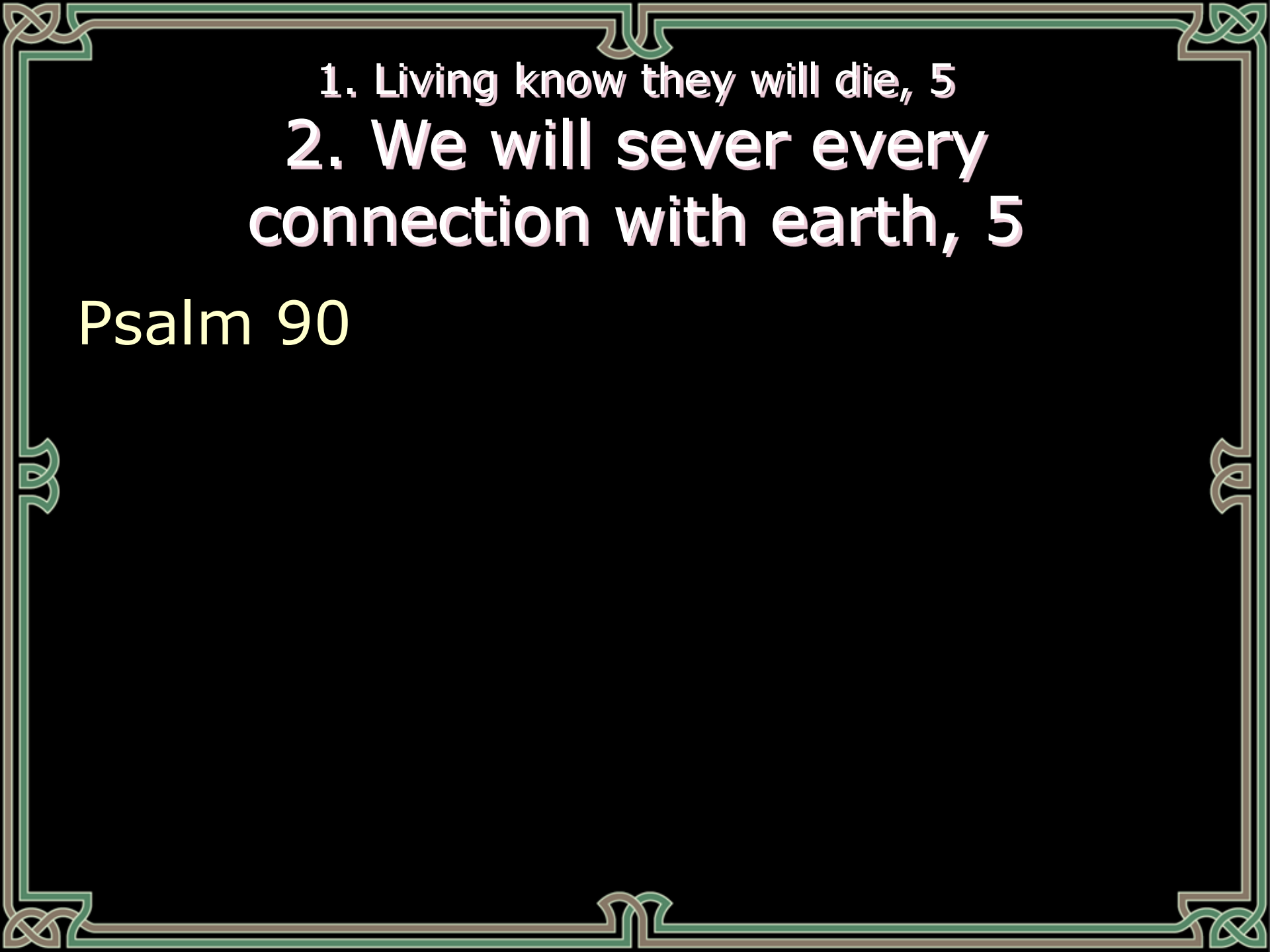
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IV. Conclusions in Ecclesiastes 9

1. Living know they will die, 5

Gen.5, universal experience

Hb.9:27

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Psalm 90

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3. Memory of us will be forgotten, 5

'He made a name for himself'

Ex.1:8

Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity" – 2 Tim.2:19

1. Living know they will die, 5
2. We will sever every connection with earth, 5
3. Memory of us will be forgotten, 5
- 4. Only one chance: get it right, 6**

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 – Eccl.12