

## **Overcoming My Fear of Death!**

### **Getting Started**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

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### **Series: Fulfilled!**

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*"Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him."*

*2 Corinthians 5:8-9 ESV*

### **I Only Begin to Live when I Come to Grips with my Death!**

#### **My Death is Unavoidable**

*"then I saw all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. However much man may toil in seeking, he will not find it out. Even though a wise man claims to know, he cannot find it out."*

*Ecclesiastes 8:17 ESV*

*"But all this I laid to heart, examining it all,"*

*Ecclesiastes 9:1a ESV*

#### **Solomon's Insights on Death**

##### **1. God Controls the Length of My Life**

*"how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God."*

*Ecclesiastes 9:1b ESV*

*"LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered— how fleeting my life is."*

*Psalms 39:4 NLT*

*"Whether it is love or hate, man does not know; both are before him."*

*Ecclesiastes 9:1c ESV*

*“As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.””*

*Romans 9:13 ESV*

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”*

*John 5:24 ESV*

## **2. Everyone Dies**

*“For God shows no partiality.”*

*Romans 2:11 ESV*

*“It is the same for all,”*

*Ecclesiastes 9:2a ESV*

### **Six Contrasts**

*“It is the same for all, since the same event happens to the righteous and the wicked, to the good and the evil, to the clean and the unclean, to him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice. As the good one is, so is the sinner, and he who swears is as he who shuns an oath.”*

*Ecclesiastes 9:2b ESV*

**A. Both the Righteous and the Wicked**

**B. Both the Good and the Evil**

**C. Both the Clean and the Unclean**

**D. Both the One Who Sacrifices and the One Who Does Not Sacrifice**

**E. Both the Good and the Sinner**

**F. Both the One Who Swears an Oath and the One Who Does Not Swear an Oath**

*“This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that the same event happens to all.”*

*Ecclesiastes 9:3a ESV*

## **3. People Live for Themselves**

*Also, the hearts of the children of man are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead.”*

*Ecclesiastes 9:3b ESV*

*“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?”*

*Jeremiah 17:9 ESV*

*“I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.”*

*Jeremiah 17:10 ESV*

*“Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”*

*Revelation 20:11–15 ESV*

### **Is my name in Jesus’s book?**

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”*

*John 5:24 ESV*

*“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,”*

*John 11:25 ESV*