

Enjoyment Is Seasonal

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Introduction:

- I. The seasonal nature of enjoyment in life.
 - A. Life is **temporary**. James 4:13-14; Ecc. 3:11
 - B. Life is **seasonal**. Ecc. 3:1-7

How can we find enjoyment in a world where fulfillment is seasonal?
- II. We need to make enjoyment an imperative in our lives.
 - A. Because we will **face death**. Ecc. 3:2a
 - B. Because we will encounter **dark days**. Ecc. 11:8
 - C. Because we will confront **unexpected trouble**. Ecc. 9:11-12
 - D. Because we will bump into the **fragility** of life. Ecc. 11:9; 10:8-9
 1. **Youth** is fragile.
 2. **Vengeance** is fragile.
 3. **Joyful activities** are fragile.
- III. We need to eliminate the killers of enjoyment from our lives. Ecc. 11:9-10
 - A. Psychological **irritations**.
 - B. Physical **debilitations**.
 - C. Spiritual **painkillers**.
- IV. We need to make eternal enjoyment the ultimate goal of our lives. Ecc. 3:11
 - A. Fear and obey God. Ecc. 12:13-14; Prov. 1:7
 - B. Factor God into your life now while you have the opportunity.
Heb. 9:27; Luke 12:32-34; Matthew 16:26; Rev. 3:20