

# A Blessing From God

*As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor — this is the gift of God. 20*

*For he will not dwell unduly on the days of his life, because God keeps him busy with the joy of his heart. Eccl 5:19-20*

**Ecclesiastes – Life Under the Sun – ONLY  
Needs to be Balanced with Conclusion.**

# Conclusion

*1 Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them": ... 7 Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it. 8 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "All is vanity." ... 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 Ecc. 12:1. 7-8*

# The Extremes: Choose

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# Awake or Asleep?

- *And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Rom 13:11-14*

# Awake or Asleep?

- In Material realm – Alive or Dead
- *Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up. John 11:11*
- *But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 1 Thess 4:13-14*

# Awake or Asleep?

- In spiritual realm
- *For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. 1Cor 11:30-31*
- *For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. 2Pet 1:9*

# Awake or Asleep?

- *Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is for the moment, works for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory; 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2Cor 4:16-18*

# Awake or Asleep?

- *Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will shine upon you.” Eph 5:14*
- *Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 1Th. 5:6-9*



# Paul was awake/aware: Our Example

- *I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.*
- *one thing I do, forgetting the behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,*
- *I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*
- *Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind;*
- *Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.*

# Laying Aside the Weights

*Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, (Heb. 12:1-2)*

# Those Who are Awake are Aware

- *12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.*

Rom 13:11-14

- The Day is at hand!      Cast off works of darkness
- Put on armor of light      Walk properly as in day
- Put on the Lord Jesus and make no provision...flesh
- This is how we number our days.
- Anything that reminds us to do this – Buy Up!

# Taking An Inventory

*Bible Reading*

*Prayer*

*Sins of Ignorance*

*Sins of Commission*

*Sins of Omission*

*Youthful Lusts*

*II Pet 1 – faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control,  
Perseverance, godliness brotherly kindness, love.*

*Putting off and Putting on... Eph/Col*

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- *Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 2Pet. 3:11-13*
- If we are Awake / Aware / Seeing.
- Holy Conduct ... Godliness ... Anticipation