

Ecclesiastes 12: 13 - 14

Is There Meaning To Life?

“Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.”

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These are the last verses of the Book of Ecclesiastes, a book in which the author, believed to have been King Solomon, described the meaninglessness of life. The book begins with the exclamation, "Meaningless! Meaningless! Everything is meaningless!" These were the words of one of the richest kings (if not THE richest king!) who ever lived. Now, in the latter years of his life, it seems that Solomon had NOT centered his life on God. Now, he concludes from his own life that meaning in life is not found in wealth, women, wine, or even the wisdom he had requested and been granted. The ONLY way to experience meaning in life is to have reverence for God and to obey His commandments.

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