

# Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

GOD'S HANDS AGENCY – 1/28/26



*"...then the dust [out of which God made man's body] will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it."*

– King Solomon, Ecclesiastes 12:7

## Going back to the dust



### Genesis 2:7 CSB

"Then the Lord God formed the man out of the dust from the **ground** and breathed the breath of **life** into his nostrils, and the man became a living being."

### Genesis 3:19 ESV

"By the **sweat** of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were **taken**; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

### Job 34:10b-15 [Young Elihu puts the elders in their place] NLT

"Everyone knows that God doesn't **sin**! The Almighty can do no **wrong**. He repays people according to their deeds. He treats people as they **deserve**. Truly, God will not do wrong. The Almighty will not twist justice. Did someone else put the **world** in His care? Who set the whole world in place? If God were to take back His Spirit and withdraw His **breath**, all life would cease, and humanity would turn again to **dust**."

### Psalms 103:20 CSB

"For He knows what we are made of, **remembering** that we are dust."

### Ecclesiastes 3:18-21 NLT [Here King Solomon expresses existential skepticism.]

"I also thought about the human condition—how God **proves** to people that they are like animals. For people and animals share the same **fate**—both breathe and both must die. So people have no real advantage over the animals. How meaningless! Both go to the **same** place—they came from dust and they return to dust. or who can prove that the human spirit goes **up** and the spirit of animals goes **down** into the earth?"

① "Human beings are NOT just animals – we bear God's image."

② "Our value not based on what WE observe – but based on WHO created us, and WHY!"

③ " 'Meaning' is not something we invent – it's something we receive from God!"

④ "Death is not the end – resurrection is!"

### Genesis 1:27 NLT

"So God created human beings in His own **image**. In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them."

### Ephesians 2:10 NIV

"For we are God's **handiwork**, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God **prepared** in advance for us to do."

### 1 Corinthians 15:20-22 NLT

"But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great **harvest** of all who have died. So you see, just as **death** came into the world through a man, now the **resurrection** from the dead has begun through another Man. Just as everyone dies because we all belong to **Adam**, everyone who belongs to **Christ** WILL BE GIVEN new life."

### 1 Corinthians 15:56-58 LSB [Paul directly answers King Solomon's despair.]

"Now the **sting** of death is sin, and the **power** of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the **victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ! Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always **abounding** in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in **vain** in the Lord."