Fate

Ecclesiastes 9:1-10

The Search for Meaning (3/4)

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- 1. Sat pm: What is Wisdom? (ch1)
- 2. Sun am: Is there meaning in Ambition + Money? (ch2,5)
- 3. Sun pm: What is the Fate of mankind? (ch9)
- 4. Mon am: What is the meaning of Life? (ch12)







What is our fate?

- 1 But all this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God.
- 2 It is the same for all, since the same event happens to the righteous and the wicked,

Ecclesiastes 9:1a,2a (ESV) (p.1/5)





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 9:3 (ESV) (p.2/5)



4 But he who is joined with all the living has hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

5 For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten.

Ecclesiastes 9:4-5 (ESV) (p.3/5)





9 Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun,

because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 9:9 (ESV) (p.4/5)



10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might,

for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (ESV) (p.5/5)



Fate (Ecc9)

- 1. Hope in Life (v1-3)
- 2. An Opportunity for Change (v4-6)
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The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning,

but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

Ecclesiastes 7:4 (ESV) (p.1/2)

Yuriria, Mexico. Cristian Newman





It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting,

for this is the end of all mankind, and the living will lay it to heart.

Ecclesiastes 7:2 (ESV) (p.2/2)

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Silverthorne, CO. Nathan Anderson



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Ecclesiastes 9:3 (ESV)

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I said to myself concerning the sons of men, "God has surely tested them in order for them to see that they are but beasts."

For the **fate** of the sons of men and the fate of beasts is the **same**.

Ecclesiastes 3:18-19 (ESV)

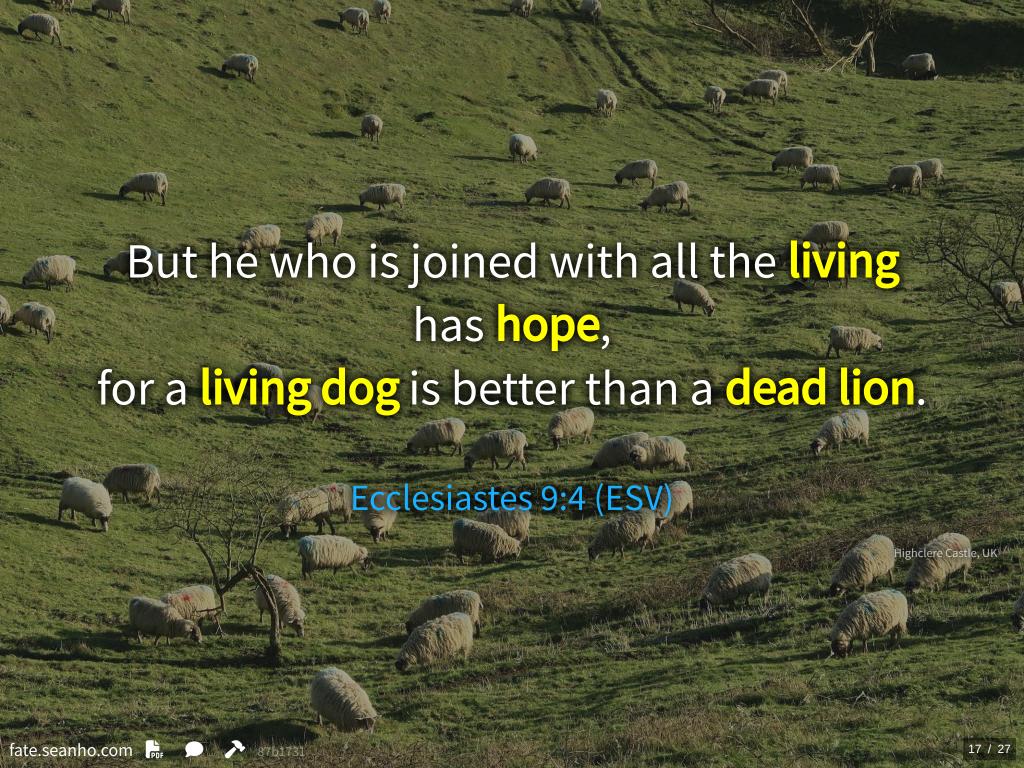
Flängan, Norberg. Adam Morse

What are my hopes for myself and my loved ones?

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Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near;

Let the wicked forsake his way; and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Isaiah 55:6-7a (ESV) (p.1/2)

Mark Basarab

Let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him,

and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:7b (ESV) (p.2/2)

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Is there hope that I can change? That my loved ones can change?

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Ecclesiastes 9:10 (ESV)

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If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1 Corinthians 15:17-19 (ESV) (p.1/2)





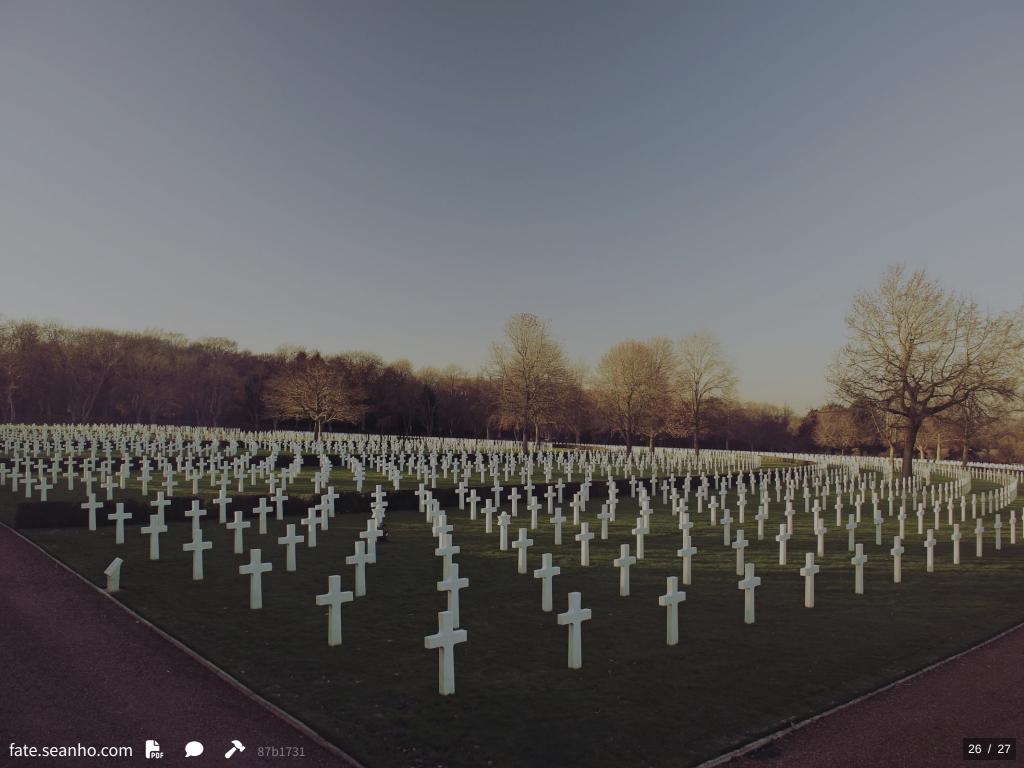
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:20-22 (ESV) (p.2/2)

Is there life after death?



- 1. What are my hopes for myself and my loved ones?
- 2. Is there hope that I or they can change? (Is55:7-11)
 - 3. Is there life after death?

(1Cor15:17-22)