



The End of the Matter

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INTRODUCTION

- What is it all for? What is the purpose and the meaning of life?
- There's so many things we can't understand. ... but there is an answer in all of that. And the answer is that we respect and obey God, we fear Him.

1 The Fear of God Anchors Our Life

Philippians 4

- The fear of God is what anchors our life. It is the foundation.
- Joy is found through the fear of the Lord, through obedience to him. That is the answer of life.
- If you aren't anchored in the fear of the Lord, one day you're going to wake up and feel completely empty in the midst of all of it.
- But if we are anchored, it keeps us grounded. ... Even through storms and waves. It is what sustains us when times get difficult.

2 God Has Done It So That People Fear Before Him

Ecclesiastes 3:11; Ecclesiastes 3:14

- I perceive that whatever God does endures forever. Nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken away from it. God has done it so that people fear before him.
- The whole point in all of that is to not make me look inward but to look upward.
- And when that happens, the answer is to look to him, to fear him, to put our trust in God.

3 God Is the One You Must Fear

- Don't trust yourself. You are not the answer.
- God is in heaven, he is sovereign, he is powerful. I am on earth.
- Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools.
- The answer is only found in truly fearing and obeying God and finding comfort and trust through him.

4 It Will Be Well With Those Who Fear God

Psalms 73

- Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet ... I know it will be well with those who fear God because they fear before him.
- From the earthly ground level, things look very different than reality sometimes.
- What the preacher's asking us to do is to elevate our thinking.

5 Fear God and Keep His Commandments

Ecclesiastes 12:13–14

- All the things that people think matter in life are insignificant and mean nothing compared to this one thing. That we fear God. And in doing so, keep his commandments. This is our purpose. It is our meaning.
- What actually anchors every call to rejoice and find joy in life is this point that we fear God.
- But know that for all of these things, God will bring you into judgment.
- Even in the midst of a life that is temporary, that is short-lived and will go away, the decisions that we make and the things that we do actually matter.
- God cares about the way I live in this short, confusing, mysterious life.

6 Take Life Seriously

Ecclesiastes 7:1–6

- A good name or your reputation is better than precious ointment.
- When you go to the house of mourning, when you sorrow, you actually think about the things that matter in life.
- Rebuke, he says, is of greater value than the song of fools.

THE CHALLENGE

This morning you can decide to make your life in alignment with God. You can make a consequential decision, and you are making one either way, to either follow God and do his will or to not. There's no in between.

MY NOTES
