

What Happens When We Die? Ecclesiastes 7:1-4

A good name is better than fine perfume, and the day of one's death is better than the day of one's birth. ² It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, since that is the end of all mankind, and the living should take it to heart. ³ Grief is better than laughter, for when a face is sad, a heart may be glad. ⁴ The heart of the wise is in a house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in a house of pleasure. **Ecclesiastes 7:1-4 (Christian Standard Bible)**

O God, remember that my life is but a breath, and I will never again feel happiness. **Job 7:7 (New Living Translation)**

For my days disappear like smoke, and my bones burn like red-hot coals. **Psalms 102:3 (NLT)**

1. A negative view of death.

For, just like the fool, there is no lasting remembrance of the wise, since in the days to come both will be forgotten. How is it that the wise person dies just like the fool? **Ecclesiastes 2:16 (Christian Standard Bible)**

For the fate of the children of Adam and the fate of animals is the same. As one dies, so dies the other; they all have the same breath. People have no advantage over animals since everything is futile. ²⁰ All are going to the same place; all come from dust, and all return to dust. **Ecclesiastes 3:19-20 (CSB)**

For the living know that they will die, but the dead don't know anything. There is no longer a reward for them because the memory of them is forgotten. ⁶ Their love, their hate, and their envy have already disappeared, and there is no longer a portion for them in all that is done under the sun. **Ecclesiastes 9:5-6 (CSB)**

2. An emotional view of death.

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. **Ecclesiastes 3:11 (English Standard Version)**

3. Looking at death spiritually.

Hell is separation in at least four different ways...

- A. Physical separation.
- B. Emotional separation.
- C. Relational separation.
- D. Eternal separation from God.

*“...when he takes vengeance with flaming fire on those who don’t know God and on those who don’t obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will pay the penalty of eternal destruction from the Lord’s presence and from his glorious strength...”² **Thessalonians 1:8-10 (CSB)***

*One day the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ And being in torment in Hades, he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off, with Lazarus at his side. **Luke 16:22-23 (CSB)***

*Light is sweet; how pleasant to see a new day dawning. ⁸ When people live to be very old, let them rejoice in every day of life. But let them also remember there will be many dark days. Everything still to come is meaningless. **Ecclesiastes 11:7-8 (New Living Translation)***