

The End Of The Matter

Ecclesiastes 12:30 & 14 *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: for your God and keep his Commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or there be evil.*

Kind of a contrast there, he's going all the way back to Chapter 1 again, returning to his starting point. He's examined the meaninglessness of life under the Sun, the now world if, you will. And yet to say that life apart from God and eternity isn't only meaningless, but ultimate meaningless, vanity of vanities.

With the Under the Sun premise not only is life meaningless, but nothing has meaning. Nothing has meaning but God.

As I look at this verse, and I ponder the evil deeds I've done in my life, I I shrink back and fret. Then I remember that there was a day when the 'god man' suffered and died in my place, and fulfilled a new covenant. One in which Isaiah 43:25 becomes real. *"I even, I who blots out your transgressions by own sake, and I will not remember your sins"*. Hebrews 8:12 became a reality for me, *"for I will be merciful to their unrighteousness and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more"*.

Oh the bless of that thought! Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow. Yes, we will stand before a judgement seat, if you will, the judgment seat of Christ, when we pass from these bodies to the world beyond. We need to give an account according to what we've done, good or bad. This is not a great white throne judgment of Revelation 20. This describes a judgment of the works of believers things we've done for Christ

Harris reminds us that the appearance before Christ's tribunal is the privilege of Christians. It's concerned with the assessment of works, and indirectly, of character. Not with a determination of destiny. With the reward, not status. So live today so you will not hang your head on that day.

You Ponder That