

Quiz on Wisdom #3 on the lack of knowledge of the Worldly Wise... (Including King Solomon)

Ecclesiastes 3:15-22 That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away. (16) Moreover, I saw under the sun that in the place of justice, even there was wickedness, and in the place of righteousness, even there was wickedness. (17) I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work. (18) I said in my heart with regard to the children of man that God is testing them that they may see that they themselves are but beasts. (19) For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity. (20) All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return. (21) Who knows whether the spirit of man goes upward and the spirit of the beast goes down into the earth? (22) So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his work, for that is his lot. Who can bring him to see what will be after him?

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Q14. What has been "driven away" here that God is seeking?

a/ justice & righteousness b/ wickedness & pleasure c/ control & obedience

Q15. What has replaced that which God is seeking?

a/ ambition b/ pleasure c/ wickedness

Q16. Ecclesiastes 3:17 I said in my heart, _____ the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work.

a/ I will judge b/ God will judge c/ time will judge

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Q17. What phrase from these verses is often repeated at funerals?

a/ from dust to dust b/ all is vanity c/ we are but beasts

Q18. What is revealed of Solomon's understanding of death in these verses?

a/ we all die b/ death is the end c/ both a & b

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Q19. What lack of Solomon's understanding of death is revealed in these verses?

He doesn't know... a/ if there is life after death b/ if death is the end c/ both a & b

-- King David knew things that his son lacked knowledge of... SEE Psalm 16:7-11 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. (8) I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. (9) Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. (10) For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. (11) You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Q20. In Psalm 16:11... What is David saying about his knowledge of what comes after death?

He's sure that... a/ we all die. b/ death is the end. c/ God will not abandon him to Sheol.

Q21. What does Sheol mean?

It means... a/ a coral reef. b/ the world of the dead. c/ eternal sleep.
(In Hebrew, Sheol simply means "the place of the dead")

Q22. What words in Psalm 16:11 indicate David's knowledge of eternal life?

a/ You make known to me the path of life; b/ in your presence there is fullness of joy
c/ at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. d/ All of these.

Concluding thoughts are found back in the intro portion to these quizzes... (KK)