

Study Questions
Vanity or Victory Part II
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I. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 *The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. 14 For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.*

- a. Why do you suppose Solomon came to this conclusion?
- b. When will God bring every act to judgment? Who will be judged?

II. Fear God

a. 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 ¹⁶*Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said,*

*"I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM;
AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY
PEOPLE. ¹⁷"Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE
SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS
UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you. ¹⁸"And I will be a father to you,
And you shall be sons and daughters to Me," Says the Lord
Almighty. ¹Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us
cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting
holiness in the fear of God.*

- i. What is the temple of God?
- ii. What place is there for idols in the temple of God? (CF Matthew 21:12-13)
- iii. What will happen if we separate ourselves from the midst of idol worshippers? What is the meaning in this?
- iv. What action are we called to? When are we to do this?
- v. Why are we to cleanse ourselves?

III. Keep His Commandments

a. *1 John 2:3-6 By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; 5 but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: 6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner He walked*

- i. How do we know that we have come to know God?
- ii. What are the implications of not having the truth in you?
- iii. What words of Christ are we to keep?
- iv. What is the manner in which Christ walked that we are to walk in as well?

- IV. Prepare for the Final Day of Judgment
- a. 2 Corinthians 5:10 *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*
- i. Who must appear before the judgment seat of Christ?
 - ii. What is the purpose of this Judgment?
 - iii. What are examples of good deeds that we will be recompensed for? Bad deeds?
- b. 1 Peter 4:13 *But to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.*
- i. What does it mean to share the sufferings of Christ?
 - ii. Why should we rejoice in the midst of suffering?
 - iii. Why will we rejoice with exultation at the revelation of His glory?
- V. Ecclesiastes 9:8 *Let your clothes be white all the time, and let not oil be lacking on your head*
- a. What does it mean to let our clothes be white? What are ways that our clothes get stained? (CF James 1:27; Rev 3:4-5; Rev 19:7-8)
- b. Why is it important that our clothes be white?

- c. What is oil representative of in Scripture? (CF Ruth 3:3; Eph 5:18-21; Ex 29:4-7)
- d. Why is it important that we should not lack oil on our heads?

VI. Final Thoughts

- a. How secure are you in your future?
- b. Do you fear God?
- c. Are you keeping His commandments?
- d. How prepared are you for the Day of Judgment?
- e. Are you living a life of Vanity or Victory?