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## ADVERSITY & SORROW

- How It All Began** Adam and Eve sinned so God (Gen 3:24) “\_\_\_\_\_ the man” from the Edenic paradise. God placed a curse on both man and woman. Adam was told (V17, 19), “*cursed is the \_\_\_\_\_ for thy sake --- In the \_\_\_\_\_ of thy \_\_\_\_\_ shalt thou eat bread, till thou \_\_\_\_\_ unto the \_\_\_\_\_.*” God told Eve, (V16) “*I will greatly \_\_\_\_\_ thy \_\_\_\_\_ and thy conception; in \_\_\_\_\_ thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ children; and thy \_\_\_\_\_ shall be to thy \_\_\_\_\_, and he shall \_\_\_\_\_ thee.*”
- Job’s Apt But Sorrowful Pronouncement** (Job 14:1-2) “*Man that is \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ is of \_\_\_\_\_ days, and full of \_\_\_\_\_.* He cometh forth like a \_\_\_\_\_, and is \_\_\_\_\_: he fleeth also as a \_\_\_\_\_, and continueth not.” This aptly illustrates the brevity and condition of man’s temporal existence. An earlier summation: (1:21) “*\_\_\_\_\_ came I out of my mother’s \_\_\_\_\_, and naked \_\_\_\_\_ thither.*” Paul succinctly described the temporary and transitory state of man’s erstwhile existence. (1 Tim 6:7) “*For we brought \_\_\_\_\_ into this \_\_\_\_\_, and it is \_\_\_\_\_ we can carry \_\_\_\_\_ out.*”
- Man’s Only Hope** David prophesied of Christ (Ps 16:9-10) and pointed to something beyond physical existence by saying, “*my \_\_\_\_\_ also shall \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.*” Why? “*For thou wilt \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.*” He expected his “soul” to be revived from the grave because he trusted of God that “*neither wilt thou suffer thine \_\_\_\_\_ to see \_\_\_\_\_.*” Christ would arise triumphant over death and the grave. (1 Cor 15:20) “*But now is Christ \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, and become the \_\_\_\_\_ of them that \_\_\_\_\_.*”
- Our Short Home** In (Eccl 12) Solomon uses stirring language in describing the aging process. He concludes that all die physically and (V5) that “*man goeth to his \_\_\_\_\_ home.*” (a) The “long” home is in eternity. (b) Our life “*under the sun,*” a phrase found 29X-27V KJV, but only in the book of Ecclesiastics, means the sum and duration of mortal life on earth. (c) This world is our “short” home. It is temporal, meaning that it can’t and won’t last.
- Physical Existence Takes Effort** Life is a struggle. (Eccl 1:8) “*All things are \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.*” Think about it! It takes a certain amount of energy to engage in recreational activities and in working to make a living. Human energy is not renewable. We tire, wear out, and eventually die.
- Man Experiences It But Cannot Describe It** (V8b) “*Man cannot \_\_\_\_\_ it.*” Human comprehension and words can’t begin to accurately describe the fact that we are born, live, and die, and that there is only so much time in which to expend our allotment of energy on whatever we must do, or may choose to do. Do you ever feel frustrated? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_
- No Lasting Satisfaction** (V8c) “*The eye is \_\_\_\_\_ with seeing, nor the \_\_\_\_\_ filled with \_\_\_\_\_.*” We can’t see and absorb everything, even when we really apply ourselves. Realization of this inadequate human condition causes tentativeness and is disquieting.