

## Why Am I Here?

## Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

All the evidence points to Solomon as the Preacher and the writer of Ecclesiastes.

He was reported to be the richest and wisest man on earth.

As an older man, Solomon looked back at the mistakes he had made in his life.

There is more to life ---

than accumulation, than making ends meet, than feeling comfortable and good.

If we look for the meaning of our lives in the things of the world---

we will find only find emptiness.

Solomon writes that after investigating life and seeing it from every perspective there is only one conclusion.

The purpose in life is to serve God.

### **Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14**

In the book "Is This All There Is To Life" -Ray Stedman

The author uses an acronym to define the kind of fear being talked about here.

### **FEAR**

**F= Faith in His existence. Hebrews 11:5, 6**

We can't even come to God unless we believe He is Real.

**E=Experience of His grace.**

Until we have felt the awesome forgiveness of His Saving Grace-  
how can we even start to have respect and awe for him?

Until we have experienced the awesome assurance of His Sustaining Grace-  
how can we even start to grow close to him?

Until we have experienced the assurance of His Sanctifying Grace-  
how can we ever come to long to be with Him.

**A=Awe at the majesty, the wisdom, and the wonder of God. Hebrews 4:14-16**

When you consider that the Bible tells us to approach His throne boldly.

The creation talking to the creator boldly?

God is majestic, He is awesome, He is worthy of our FEAR!!

**R=Resolve to do what he says.**

To obey his word, to keep his commandments.

Obedience to God is not option! **Luke 6:46-49**

Everything Solomon has written about prior to **Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14**  
can be summed up in these two verses.

Life is meaningless without God, but with God comes a complete life.

A life that is whole and meaningful.

A life that realizes one day we will be held accountable for how we lived our life.

This relationship and the ability to love and serve God is God's gift to us.

Have you truly received His gift?