

## **A COMMON DESTINY FOR ALL**

The general out-line of these verses are as follows:

The Time of Death is Uncertain (9:1-12) "No man knows"

### **1. Anything may happen to all (9:1)**

### **2. The same thing (death) will happen to all (9:2-6)**

- a. The sameness (9:2-3a)
- b. The difference (9:3b-6)
  - i. While alive (9:3b-5a)
    - (i) There is evil
    - (ii) There is hope
    - (iii) There is knowledge that death is coming
  - ii. While dead (9:5b-6)
    - i. They know nothing
    - ii. They have no reward
    - iii. They are forgotten
    - iv. They have no emotions or energy
    - v. They have no share in activities on earth

### **3. Recommendation: Enjoy Life (9:7-10)**

- a. Enjoy your food – God has approved it(9:7)
- b. Enjoy your wardrobe (9:8)
- c. Enjoy your wife – God has given you life (9:9)
- d. Enjoy your work (9:10)

### **4. Conclusions (9:11-12) "I have seen"**

- a. Universality of chance – it happens to all, despite man's abilities (9:11)
- b. Suddenness of misfortune and death – it happens quickly, when man doesn't know it is coming (9: 12)

**Q 1:** a) Since the time of death is uncertain, (9: 1-12) how can we prepare ourselves?

b) Would Hebrews 9:27 help in any way?

**Q 2:** a) Verse 9:2 says that "All share a common destiny – death" whether they are "righteous, wicked, good, bad, clean, unclean, those who offer sacrifices, those who do not, good man, sinner, those who take oaths, those who are afraid to take them", then why live a good clean life?

b) Is there any verse in this passage (9: 1-12) that says or hints there would be a difference after all?

**Q 3:** The recommendation thus is to "Enjoy life" (9: 7-10) while we are still alive with our food, wardrobe, wife and work.

a) Can 1 Tim 4: 4 and 6: 17 help to answer that?

**Q 4:** a) What can we do since life is so unpredictable (9: 11-12) and misfortune and death come so suddenly?

b) How can we be prepared if it comes like a thief in the night? (1 Thess. 5:2)