

## WHAT IS THE REASON FOR THIS WORLD?

1/6/24

- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
  - Comment – At the 2:00 p.m. time slot, I generally give a Bible study style (with many scriptures) – but this presentation will be more like a sermon style
  - Title – What is the Reason for This World?
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- What is a riddle?

- A mystifying, misleading, or puzzling question posed as a problem to be solved or guessed – conundrum, enigma
- Noun – a question or statement intentionally phrased to require ingenuity in ascertaining its answer or meaning

- Why do people like a good riddle?
  - A riddle can be entertaining
  - A riddle can be instructive
  - Either way – a riddle should be thought-provoking

- Here is a riddle for you – What is the reason for this world?  
The book of Ecclesiastes – certainly is thought-provoking

Eccles. 1:3            what profit has a man from all his labor (in which he toils under the sun)?  
4                    one generation passes away and another generation comes – but the earth  
                         abides forever  
5                    the son rises, and the sun sets  
6                    the wind goes toward the south, and turns around to the north  
7                    the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full  
8                    the eye is not satisfied with seeing – nor the ear satisfied with hearing  
9                    that which has been, is what will be – that which is done, is what will be  
                         done  
10                   is there anything that is new?  
11                   there is no remembrance of former things – nor will there be remembrance  
                         of things that are to come  
15                   what is crooked cannot be made straight – what is lacking cannot be  
                         numbered  
16-17               attained greatness & wisdom – I perceived this is grasping for the wind  
Eccles. 12:13       fear God and keep His commandments

- So, what is the reason for this world?  
It has something to do with God and God's instructions  
Psalm 8:1           our Lord – how excellent is Your name – your glory above the heavens

- 2           you have given strength to babes and infants – to silence enemy & avenger
- 3-4       why have you given special gifts to people?
- 5           a little lower than the angels – to gain glory and honor
- 6           dominion over the creation – all things under our feet
- 7-8       animals
- 9           our Lord – how excellent is Your name
- Hebrews 2:6-8 quoted Psalm 8:4-6
- 9           mentioned Jesus Christ
  - a little lower than angels
  - for the suffering of death
  - crowned with glory and honor
  - He (by the grace of God) – might taste death for everyone
- 10         it was fitting for Him (Father) – (for whom are all things, and by whom
  - are
  - all things) – in bringing many sons into glory – to make the captain
  - of your salvation (Christ) perfect through sufferings
- Relationship with God and Christ
- Relationship with each other

- Song – “The Riddle” by Five for Fighting – the stage name for John Ondrasik
  - It was released on May 15, 2006
  - The song peaked at #40 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart
  - A song critic evaluated the song this way: “The sap factor is pretty high here, limiting the song’s appeal to moms and wistful philosophers, and there’s little remaining doubt that Five for Fighting is pretty much a one-trick pony.”
  - The song writer seemed to confirm the following statement: “Although it began as a song on the meaning of life, it later evolved into a song about the love between a father and his son, inspired by his relationship with his own five-year-old.”
- Here are some words and phrases to consider

Verse 1 – Mentions a dad giving advice to his son – before he dies

Chorus – “Here’s a riddle for ya – Find the answer – There’s a reason for the world – You and I”

Verse 2 – The original son has his own son: The young son said: “Dad, I’m big, but we’re smaller than small – In the scheme of things, well, we’re nothin at all.”

Bridge – “There are secrets that we still have left to find – There have been mysteries – from the beginning of time – There are answers we’re not wise enough to see – He said: ‘You’re looking for a clue? I love you free.’ ”

Verse 3 – The dad said: “I guess we’re big and I guess we’re small – If you think about it, man, you know we got it all – Cause we’re all we got on this bouncing ball – And I love ya free . . . I love you freely.”

Chorus – “Here’s a riddle for ya – Find the answer – There’s a reason for the world – You and I”