



“Tomorrow Is Today’s Problem”

Scripture – Ecclesiastes 3:10-13

Text – Isaiah 22:13

Introduction: About 300 years before Christ, a philosopher by the name of Epicurus was propounding his theory of “Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die.” Some 2300 years later, men are still practicing his teaching. In one sense of the word, the Christian has a similar word of advice for a grave-bound people. It is our desire to consider this philosophy in its falsity, its temporal truth, and its eternal truth.

I. Merriment Of Materialism

1. Based on idea that material will satisfy soul
 - A. Epicurus – soul is a bodily substance composed of intangible particles scattered through the whole body
 - B. Rich Fool – soul take thine ease, much goods
 - C. World about us – frantically searching for satisfaction
 - a. Spending great sums
 - b. Driving long distances
 - c. Keeping late hours
2. Men of Noah’s day reveled in eating and drinking
3. Christ predicted excesses at time of His return
4. Today, flashing lights and blaring music encourage men who need no encouragement
5. Many are “living to eat”
 - A. Philippians 3:18-19, “many walk..., whose God is their belly..., who mind earthly things.”
 - a. Chief joy and purpose is material

II. Mechanics Of Mortality

1. It is a biological necessity that we eat and drink
 - A. To grow
 - B. To provide energy for activities of life
2. It is a legitimate pleasure of life
 - A. Solomon’s statement
 - B. Christ’s attitude and actions
 - a. Miracle at wedding of Cana
 - b. Miracle in feeding multitude
 - c. Miracle at sea side after resurrection
 - d. Feast of Levi, Zachaeus
3. It will be a great joy in kingdom of God
 - A. We anticipate
 - a. Marriage Supper, Revelation 19:9
 - Promise to drink new fruit of vine in Kingdom, Matthew 26:29
 - b. Fruit of Tree of Life

- c. Water from River of Life
- 4. Whether we live to eat or eat to live, it must all come to an end for this life

III. Must Of Mutability

- 1. God's Word declares it
 - A. Hebrews 9:27, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"
- 2. History declares it
 - A. Men of past are gone
 - B. Men who make the 100-year mark make the newspaper
- 3. Our day of death is coming
- 4. Text – "tomorrow we shall die"
 - A. Today is yesterday's tomorrow
 - a. Perhaps this is the day (Rich Fool – "this night")
 - b. Our coffin may be at the undertaker's facility now
- 5. What can doomed men do?

IV. Message Of Messiah

- 1. Text
- 2. All may come
 - A. Isaiah 55:1, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat"
 - a. Buy with Blood of Jesus
 - "Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling"
 - b. Illustration – (Thirsty after strawberry picking)
 - c. Illustration – (Hungry after snapping sweet corn)
- 3. Water of Life
 - A. John 4:14, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life"
 - a. Satisfies deepest longing
 - b. Produces life
 - Earth's water could do neither
- 4. Bread of Life
 - A. John 6:35, "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger"
 - B. John 6:33, "the bread of God...giveth life unto the world"
 - a. Satisfies
 - b. Produces life
 - Earth's bread could do neither
- 5. Certainty of satisfactions and life through Christ
 - A. Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled"

Conclusion: Text – Eat the Bread of Salvation; drink the Water of Salvation Today! Tomorrow will be too late. Tomorrow is today's business. Tomorrow ye die or enter eternal life!