

Our Hope
Ecclesiastes 8:16-9:10
The Divine Disruption, 8
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God has plans that are unknowable. 8:16-9:3
"even though a wise man claims to know, he cannot find it out"

- However, we live under His sovereignty. v. 1
"the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God"
- If we fail to see it, we'll live in despair or delusion, v. 2-3
"the hearts of the children of man are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts"

Question: does anything I do truly make a difference?

Our hope comes from ... 9:4-10
"he who is joined with all the living has hope"

- grasping the finality of death. v. 4-6
"a living dog is better than a dead lion"
- enjoying what God has given. v. 7-9
"Go ... for God has already approved what you do"
- living as a servant of God. v. 10
"whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might"

Question: what will it look like for me to surrender?

Quote:
"God's providence ruins men's illusory hopes of mastering life and discovering the divine meaning and purpose for life's experiences and events." A. B. Caneday