

**WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOD DOING?
Ecclesiastes 8:16-9:6**

I. When I do not know what God is doing, I must confess my limited wisdom (8:16-17).

Isaiah 55:8-9: For **My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,**” says the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are **My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.**”

Romans 11:33-35: Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! **“For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?”** “Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?”

II. When I do not know what God is doing, I must confess my limited experience (9:1-3).

Job 12:10: In whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?

Matthew 5:45: that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, **and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.**

Psalms 73:12-13: Behold, these are **the ungodly, who are always at ease; they increase in riches.** Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocence.

III. When I do not know what God is doing, I must confess my limited time (9:4-6).

Job 7:8-10: The eye of him who sees me will see me no more; while your eyes are upon me, I shall no longer be. **As the cloud disappears and vanishes away, so he who goes down to the grave does not come up.** He shall never return to his house, nor shall his place know him anymore.

Isaiah 26:14: **They are dead, they will not live; they are deceased, they will not rise.** Therefore You have punished and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.