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## **“Con-Job” (3)**

**“But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die.’”  
(Genesis 3:4)**

### **Ignoring the Obvious**

**Amos 6:1-3** – (1) “What sorrow awaits you who lounge in luxury in Jerusalem, and you who feel secure in Samaria! You are famous and popular in Israel, and people go to you for help. (2) But go over to Calneh and see what happened there. Then go to the great city of Hamath and down to the Philistine city of Gath. You are no better than they were, and look at how they were destroyed. (3) You push away every thought of coming disaster, but your actions only bring the day of judgment closer.” (NLT)

**2 Peter 3:4-6** – (4) “They will say, ‘Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.’ (5) For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, (6) and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.”

### **Fatal Error of Fools**

**Psalms 49:11-12** – (11) “Their inner thought is *that* their houses are forever And their dwelling places to all generations; They have called their lands after their own names. (12) But man in *his* pomp will not endure; He is like the beasts that perish.” (NASB)

**Luke 12:16-20** – (16) “And he told them a parable, saying, ‘The land of a rich man produced plentifully, (17) and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ (18) And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. (19) And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ (20) But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’”

**Revelation 18:7-8** – (7) “As she glorified herself and lived in luxury, so give her a like measure of torment and mourning, since in her heart she says, ‘I sit as a queen, I am no widow, and mourning I shall never see.’ (8) For this reason her plagues will come in a

single day, death and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her.”

## **Wise Choices in Light of Death**

### **Prioritize Relationships**

**2 Samuel 14:14** – “We must all die; we are like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. But God will not take away life, and he devises means so that the banished one will not remain an outcast.”

### **Crunch the Numbers Continually**

**Psalms 90:10-12** – (10) “The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. (11) Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you? (12) So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.”

**Psalms 39:4** – “O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!”

### **Funeral Opportunities**

**Ecclesiastes 7:2** – “It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for this is the end of all mankind, and the living will lay it to heart.”

**Ecclesiastes 7:2** – “Better to spend your time at funerals than at parties. After all, everyone dies— so the living should take this to heart.” (NLT)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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