

A woman's profile is visible on the left side of the frame, looking upwards. The background is a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with warm, golden light filtering through scattered clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

# ECCLESIASTES

*Making Sense Out of Life*

***Enjoying Life Even  
When It Doesn't  
Make Sense***

**Ecclesiastes 8:17-9:10**

**1. No matter how hard you try, and no matter how wise you become, God's ways will always be past finding out.**

## **Romans 11:33**

**“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!”**

- 1. God's ways will always be past finding out.**
- 2. As believers, we sometimes struggle to discern God's blessing from His chastening.**

## **Isaiah 55:8**

**“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.”**

## **Isaiah 55:9**

**“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”**

- 1. God's ways are past finding out.**
- 2. We can't even distinguish God's blessing from His chastening.**
- 3. One thing that *is* certain is death.**

## **Romans 5:12**

**“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”**

**4. Amidst all the uncertainty,  
appreciate and enjoy the simple  
pleasures of everyday life.**

## **Ecclesiastes 2:24**

**“There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God.”**

## **Ecclesiastes 3:12-13**

**“I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life. 13 And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.”**

## **Ecclesiastes 5:18**

**“... it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion.”**

## **Ecclesiastes 8:15**

**“Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry: for that shall abide with him of his labour ..., which God giveth him ... .”**