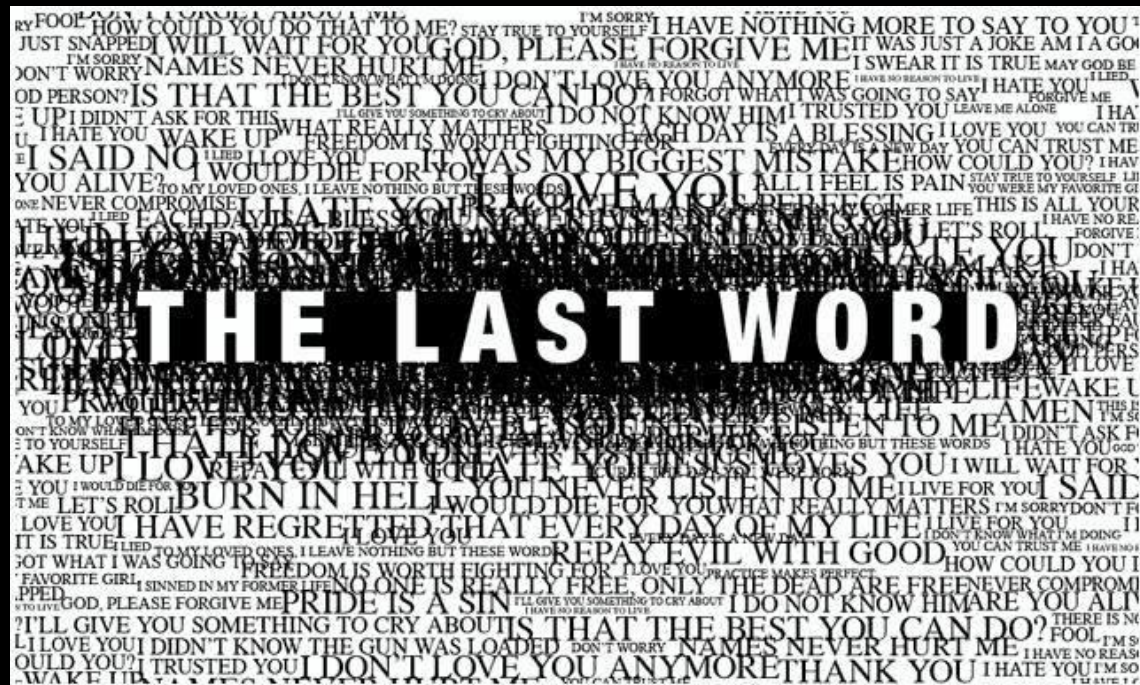


Fear God

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Ecclesiastes 12:13

Now all has been
heard;
here is the
conclusion of the
matter:
Fear God and
keep his
commandments,
for this is the
duty of all
mankind.



*Approaching
God lightly
does not avoid
futility*



Key to the passage

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God (5:1a)

Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools (5:b) – praise

Do not be quick with your mouth (5:2) – prayer

When you make a vow to God, do not delay to fulfil it (5:-7a) - promises

Fear God (5:7b)

*The wisdom of Mr. and Mrs.
Beaver*



He's a
Lion!

Consuming Fire



Praise as listening (5:1b)



Rock of Ages (Augustus Toplady)


Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die!



Prayer as silence (5:2-3)

God speaks
in the silence of the heart.
Listening
is the beginning of prayer.

~~Mother Teresa



Keep your promise...and quick!
(5:4-7a)

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR....



Fear God (5:7b)



So?

- Listen before speaking
- Love God by worship not talking
- If you promise, fulfil...and fast
- Fear God, really Fear God!