

1. Verse 1 declares: the truth of two things:
 1. "A good name is better than precious ointment.."
 2. "The day of death is better than the day of one's birth."

2. Verse 8 says:
 1. "Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof."
 1. It is well that the foundation of a house should be laid...
 2. It is better when the top-stone is placed with rejoicing.
 3. The blossom of the spring is beautiful...
 4. At the end of the blossom the golden luscious ripe fruit is far better.
 5. So it is with seed-time but at the end the bountiful harvest is far better.

3. SO, "the day of death is better than the day of one's birth".
 1. At birth there is only the possibility of good...
 2. At the death of the righteous there is the certainty of blessedness and blessings.

4. How is the day of one's death better than the day of one's birth?
 1. Birth begins a life at the longest very brief. Psalms 90:10
 2. Birth admits into a scene of suffering, sin and condemnation.
 3. Death is the aget through which we pass into a life that will never end.
 4. Death for the righteous is but a gate that admits into a state of eternal glory. 2 Cor. 4:17

