

Ecclesiastes 12

King James Version (KJV)

12 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; (Use your youth to prepare for your old days. Never forget to work in God's good graces. Earn a living honestly and put some away for when you are older)

² While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: (Make hay while the sun shines; use the good times to prepare for the bad times)

³ In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, (When you age, you will get weaker and your senses will dull; the grinders – your teeth; the windows – your eyesight)

⁴ And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low; (When you get old – your hearing isn't as good as it was; you wake up early in the morning)

⁵ Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: (Even the gray hairs start to thin out – bad translation) (Grasshopper = locust – better translation) (The long home = the eternity in the 3rd Age)

⁶ Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. (These are all symbolic for when we die)

⁷ Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. 1Corinthians-15:44, 2Corinthians-5:7-8 (When we die, we instantly return to the Father in our spiritual body. The flesh body decays back into the earth)

Also 1Thessalonians-4:13-18 (Ignorant preachers try to make this into a rapture doctrine. All it means is that as soon as we die, we instantly return to the Father, and we cannot precede those that have died, because they are already there)

⁸ Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity. (This flesh life is quickly forgotten forever. Only our good works follow us to paradise)
Revelation-14:13

⁹ And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs. (Yet, even in this temporary life, God gave us wisdom and knowledge to live a good and fruitful life)

¹⁰ The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth. (The preacher <Solomon> used the great wisdom that God gave him to write these words as truthfully and as easy to understand as he was able)

¹¹ The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd. (A goad = a cattle prod) (The shepherd is our Lord Jesus Christ. Let these words steer you to a life of righteousness that will be acceptable to God)

¹² And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. (Learn from these words. They are easy to understand and easy to follow. Don't over-study book after book or you will retain nothing)

¹³ Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. (Obey God's Ten Commandments. That is our main duty in life) (Fear God – fear and revere are the same word in the Hebrew. Fear God if you hate Him, revere God if you love Him)

¹⁴ For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. (All that we do in this life will be brought up on judgment day. Do good and receive your rewards on that day)