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Ecclesiastes 12:1, “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.”

Over the past couple of weeks I’ve spent quite a bit of time in the local nursing home. Mom is in the rehabilitation wing there which happens to be in the same building as the nursing home.

As I’ve walked the halls and greeted residents, many of them do not realize where they are or what is going on. It’s common as one ages to lose the ability to think or reason. Many can remember some things such as the name of children or that they have a home somewhere, but they cannot make decisions or reason.

It’s sad to get to this state. If we get to this condition we are unable to make decisions. If we never obeyed the LORD while of sound mind, at this point it would be too late to obey the LORD. We need to do so while we are in our right minds and can give our lives and hearts to the LORD. The writer in Ecclesiastes exhorts to remember your creator while you are young and before the years come upon us.

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He then goes on to talk about many things that come upon us in our later years.

Ecclesiastes 12:2 talks about sources of light being darkened. “While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain.” The days become dark in a figurative way, but also they begin to darken literally with the failing of our eyes.

Ecclesiastes 12:3, “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.” The trembling keepers of the house are our bones and with time we bow over with physical ailments. The grinders are our teeth and we lose many of them as the years progress. Those looking out of the windows are our eyes. They weaken with time and become darkened.

The writer then talks of our hearing becoming weaker. Ecclesiastes 12:4, “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.” The doors being shut is possibly referring to how sound is muted through a door, and the doors of our ears are shut. The sound of grinding is low because we cannot hear nearly as well. We hear a bird and think it’s something else or someone speaking and rise up to check. The music is brought low.

Then in our older years we become concerned with things that would not have bothered us in our younger years. Then comes death. Ecclesiastes 12:5, “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.” We become afraid of heights even to the point that a small

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News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Elaine Quigley** is having trouble with a ruptured disk. **Shirley Edwards** is in Signature Health Care in the rehabilitation unit, room 604. She is recovering from a light stroke. She is doing quite well and improving every day. **Lillian Riffle** is recovering from having her tonsils and adenoids removed. She is doing quite well but won't be able to return to school until January 22.

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step or curb causes fear of falling. We become frightened of things happening in the world. It concerns us when crops blossom that grasshoppers will eat them. Things that normally would not bother us bear on our minds. Then, death comes.

If this was the end, it would be most sad indeed. For those in the LORD there is something wonderful awaiting us. Paul wrote in Philippians 3:20-21, "*For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.*" Our vile bodies will be fashioned like unto the glorious body of Jesus. It will be perfect and eternal.

Sometimes I think modern medicine does a disservice in keeping people alive so long that their bodies long outlive their minds. It's understandable to want to stay here to be with family, but for those in the LORD it's natural to want to go home to be with the LORD. For children of God, we truly reach a state where we desire to depart. As the years increase upon me, I certainly can feel what Paul

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Sunday, January 7, 2018		
Classes	15	I Timothy 6:1-6
Preaching	16	Hebrews 10:22-39
Contribution	\$591.50	
Evening	20	Singing (Psalm 98:1-9)
Wednesday, January 10, 2018		
Classes	12	Revelation 5:1-7

Bible Quiz

The Lamb had seven what?

Last Week's Answer— Lion (Revelation 5:5)

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wrote in Philippians 1:23, "*For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better.*" For those of us in the LORD, it's far better to depart and be with Christ. When there, we'll ever be with the LORD. I Thessalonians 4:17, "*Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*"

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)

—Marty Edwards ❖