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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.”

The first seven verses of Ecclesiastes talk about growing old and the problems that come. This week I will turn 60, so I thought this might be a good passage to look at. When I was young, I thought 60 was very old, and even today, I know that young people consider it so. I’m certainly not young, and my body and abilities remind me of that. Let’s examine the first seven verses of Ecclesiasties 12 and consider the issues with growing old.

1. Verse 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.” We need to turn to the LORD when we are young. Tougher or “evil” days will come with family, jobs and just growing old. You can obey the LORD when you are old, but the longer you wait, the less desire you will have due to the distractions of life.

2. Verse 2, “While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be

not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain.” Growing old is represented to be a time of darkness. The greatest lights in the heavens become darkened. The clouds return after the rain when old. This is a metaphor of darkness coming soon, which is death. For those not in the LORD it’s a time of total darkness. For those in the LORD, it’s a time that the glorious light of his Son will shine upon us. Jesus said in Revelation 22:16, “I am the bright and morning star.” The only way to prevent darkness overtaking us at the end is to be in the LORD.

3. Verse 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.” This verse talks about various parts of our bodies failing as we grow old.

The keepers of the house are our bones. They become weak and brittle with time. The strong men will bow themselves. It’s very common to see older people bowed over as they age. The grinders are our teeth. For those born during my time, it’s very unlikely we will leave this life with all our teeth. Due to decay, accident, or other issues, most will lose some teeth. In older times, the teeth became few as you grew older due to lack of care and medical advances. Those that look out of the windows are our eyes. So many people my age wear eyeglasses. I’m blessed in that I don’t wear glasses for normal seeing, but I can’t hardly read without reading glasses. The windows have become dim, and no doubt will get dimmer with time.

4. Verse 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.” This verse talks about our hearing. As we grow older, it’s harder to hear. The doors are shut. Grinding and music is brought low. Rising up at the voice of the bird is perhaps thinking we hear something but are mistaken. Our hearing will diminish with age.

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—Continue to remember **Shirley Edwards, Alice Vanderstoep, Jean**

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News

Coffey, Clay Bozarth, Vicki McDaniel, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Beulah Baker, Louise Greer, and Joanna Lock.

—Due to Covid-19 rapidly increasing in the county, we are going to only one in-person service per week—the 10:00 hour on Sunday morning. All other services are online.

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5. Verse 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.*” Fear and worry increases as one ages. One becomes afraid of steps and curbs and any climbing. Even though a tree will flourish, one worries about the grasshoppers eating it. There is no more desire or anything to want because the long home comes. It’s long as in it’s forever.

6. Verse 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.*” The end comes and cannot be “fixed.” It’s like a cord loosed, or picture or wheel at a cistern broken. Those parts are done. When we reach the end of life, that is the end of our time here. What we do for the LORD we must do now.

7. Verse 7, “*Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.*” This is the end. At death our bodies go back to the earth, and our spirits unto God. Death for the world is sad, and death even brings a temporary sadness to those we leave behind. But, for the saved, it’s the greatest day of our life because we go to the with the LORD.

Here are some final thoughts about turning 60. I know I cannot die young. That is impossible. Many never make it past birth or childhood. I’ve lived a good, full, and enjoyable life. I was baptized almost 50 years ago, and no doubt the fullness of life has come from being in the LORD.

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Sunday, October 11, 2020		
Classes	8	I John
Preaching	20	Luke 2:41-52
Contribution	\$1136.00	
Evening	12	Mark 8:1-21
Wednesday, October 14, 2020		
Classes	8	Isaiah 50:1-11

Visitors— Oct 11 (AM) Jean Philpott (Cub Run, KY)

Bible Quiz

The LORD gave His cheeks to them who did what?

Last Week’s Answer— A sharp sword (Isaiah 49:2)

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I’m truly thankful the LORD doesn’t permit us to live hundreds of years. If He did, it would only prolong by centuries what we all desire so much. That is to go be with the LORD. 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.*”

—Marty Edwards❖

—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)