



Ecclesiastes  
Lesson 8  
Chapter 12

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Eccl 12:1  
“Remember *also*....”

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“Remember also your *Creator*....”

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Gen 8:1 “But God *remembered* Noah and all...that were with him in the ark; and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided.”

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Ex 2:24-25 “God heard their groaning; and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God saw the sons of Israel, and God took notice of them.”

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I Sam 1:19-20 “...and the LORD remembered her. It came about in due time, after Hannah had conceived, that she gave birth to a son....”

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### Ecclesiastes 12:3-5

v.3

- “watchmen of the house tremble” = arms trembling and weak
- “mighty men stoop” = legs and back, bent over posture
- “grinding ones...are few” = losing teeth
- “windows grow dim” = failing eyesight

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### Ecclesiastes 12:3-5

v.4

- “doors on the street shut” = failing hearing
- “sound of grinding mill is low” = shut off from outside activity (either by hearing or inability to join)
- “arise at the sound of a bird” = inability to sleep well, easily awakened
- “daughters of song sing softly” = either loss of hearing or weakness of voice

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- “grasshopper drags himself” = difficulty getting around
- “caperberry is ineffective” = loss of appetite

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“man goes to his eternal home”

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“mourners go about in the street”

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II Cor 5:1-8 “For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven....so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life....Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord....and prefer to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.”

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Ecclesiastes 12:6 “silver cord...golden bowl...pitcher by the well...wheel at the cistern”

- other organs of the body: spine, cranium, heart, circulatory system
- a golden bowl held by a silver chain: an oil lamp in wealthy homes
- an earthen pitcher to carry water from a well or a cistern
- Death is no respecter of persons; both the wealthy and the poor are equally affected by it

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Eccl 12:7 “then the dust will return to the earth...the spirit to God who gave it”

Eccl 3:20 “...All came from the dust and all return to the dust.”

Gen 3:19 a result of the fall

Ps 103:13-14 God “is mindful that we are but dust.”

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Ps 90:3 “You turn man back into dust...”

Ps 90:10 “As for the days of our life, they contain 70 years, or if due to strength, 80 years...soon it is gone and we fly away.”

Ps 90:12 “So teach us to number our days, *that we may present to You a heart of wisdom.*”

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12:11

- “goads” = prod us to action
- “nails” = something firm to hang onto.
- “given by One Shepherd” = inspiration of scripture taught in the OT!

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II Tim 3:16 “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God....”

II Pet 1:21 “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

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Heb 11:6 “...without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”

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12:13 “The conclusion...fear God”

Prov 1:7 “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge....”

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12:14 “For God will bring every act to judgment”

Heb 9:27 “...it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.”

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For the believer:

Rom 8:1 “...there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

II Cor 5:10 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body...whether good or bad [worthless].”

I Cor 3:12-15 “gold, silver, precious stones” or “wood, hay, straw”

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For the unbeliever:

Rev 20:11-12 “a great white throne....and the dead were judged....”

Rev 20:15 “And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

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12:14 “For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.”

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### Lessons from Ecclesiastes:

1. God has given us this life to enjoy; enjoy the good gifts God has given!
2. God has given us this life as a stewardship; we will be held accountable for how we used our opportunities.
3. There are frustrations in this life; but these should point our hearts to eternity.
4. God is eternal, and He has put eternity in the human heart so that we can respond to His call.

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### Lessons from Ecclesiastes:

5. Remember the differences between the wise man and the fool; don't be the fool.
6. There's no reason to fear the aging of our bodies; they are only preparing us for our heavenly bodies.
7. Fear God and keep His commandments.

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### Saved by Grace, by Fanny Crosby

Some day the silver cord will break,  
 And I no more as now shall sing;  
 But O the joy when I shall wake  
 Within the palace of the King!

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Some day my earthly house will fall  
 I cannot tell how soon 'twill be;  
 But this I know—my All in All  
 Has now a place in heav'n for me.

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Some day—till then I'll watch and wait,  
My lamp all trimmed and burning bright,  
That when my Savior opens the gate,  
My soul to Him may take its flight.

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And I shall see Him face to face,  
And tell the story—Saved by grace;  
And I shall See Him face to face,  
And tell the story—Saved by grace.

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