

Remember Thy Creator - 03/31/19

TEXT – Ecc 12:1-7 *Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth*

INTRO – Many of us need a wake-up call to the reality that one day we may not have as much time in this life as we thought. James reminds us of the importance of having a healthy sense of our mortality and acknowledge that time is a limited resource.

Jas 4:13-14 *Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: 14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*

I. Time Is Limited

What is time? The system of those sequential relations that any event has to any other, as past, present, or future; indefinite and continuous duration regarded as that in which events succeed one another.

A. We each have a specific amount of time on the earth

Psa 90:12 *So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*

Gen 5:5-31 *And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.*

8 *And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.*

11 *And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.*

14 *And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.* 17 *And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.*

20 *And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years and he died* 21 *And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: 22 And*

27 *And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.*

31 *And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.*

B. We must use our time wisely

Rom 13:11-12 *And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.*

C. Commit your life to God while you are young

II. The Blessing of Youth

A. Youth is a time of preparation and learning

Pro 7:7 *And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,*

1 Ti 4:12 *Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*

Pro 1:4 *To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.*

B. Young people must live a pure life

Psa 119:9 *Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.*

1. Stand firm
2. Say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions.
3. Live self-controlled, upright and godly lives.
4. Be eager to do what is good.
5. Live with hope. Plan on seeing Jesus face to face.
6. Strive to become more like Jesus all the time.

C. Young people can be used of God

Psa 127:3-4 *Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. 4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.*

III. Warnings to Youth

A. Time is brief

Job 7:1 *Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling?*

B. Reap what you sow

1. Reap destruction

Gal 6:7 *Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

Hos 8:7 *For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.*

Pro 1:29-31 *For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: 30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. 31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.*

2. Reap bountifully

2 Co 9:6 *But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.*

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