

REMEMBER NOW YOUR CREATOR

Eccl 11:9 – 12:8

REJOICE NOW

“Rejoice, O young man, in your youth,
And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth;
Walk in the ways of your heart,
And in the sight of your eyes;
But know that for all these
God will bring you into judgment.” Eccl. 11:9

1. Rejoice now in your youth
 - a. Have hearts that would cheer in your youth
 - b. Enjoy your life
 - c. And yet we are to live well
2. Knowledge of the day of judgment
 - a. No one will escape this
 - b. God will judge our life

REMOVE SORROW AND EVIL

“Therefore remove sorrow from your heart,
And put away evil from your flesh,
For childhood and youth *are* vanity.” Eccl. 11:10

1. Remove
 - a. Sorrow from the heart
 - b. Put away evil from your flesh
2. Childhood and youth is vanity

REMEMBER NOW YOUR CREATOR

Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth,
Before the difficult days come,
And the years draw near when you say,
“I have no pleasure in them”:
While the sun and the light,
The moon and the stars,
Are not darkened,
And the clouds do not return after the rain;
In the day when the keepers of the house tremble,
And the strong men bow down;
When the grinders cease because they are few,
And those that look through the windows grow dim;
When the doors are shut in the streets,

And the sound of grinding is low;
When one rises up at the sound of a bird,
And all the daughters of music are brought low.
Also they are afraid of height,
And of terrors in the way;
When the almond tree blossoms,
The grasshopper is a burden,
And desire fails.
For man goes to his eternal home,
And the mourners go about the streets.
Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed..." Ecclesiastes 12:1-6

1. Remembering the Lord as Creator now
2. Time will pass by quickly
3. Old age / Difficult days will come

RETURN TO GOD – DEATH COMES

"For man goes to his eternal home,
And the mourners go about the streets....

...before the silver cord is loosed,
Or the golden bowl is broken,
Or the pitcher shattered at the fountain,
Or the wheel broken at the well.

Then the dust will return to the earth as it was,
And the spirit will return to God who gave it.

"Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher,
"All is vanity." Eccl. 12:6--8

1. Death will come
2. All things will end
3. Return
 - a. Our flesh will return to dust
 - b. Our spirit will return to God
4. All is vanity

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Rejoice now
2. Remove sorrow and evil
3. Remember the Lord
4. Return to the Lord