

Eccl 12:9-12**The words of the Preacher****Review**

1. Remember our Creator ... no matter what age
2. Concerns about ageing
3. Faith makes a difference in our lives

The reflections of the Preacher

“And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yes, he pondered and sought out and set in order many proverbs.” Eccl 12:9

1. Solomon saw himself as the Preacher
 - a) Solomon called himself the “Preacher” in the context of his teaching/ book
 - b) He sought to speak wise words as a "Preacher"
"The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem." Eccl 1:1
2. The wisdom of the Preacher
3. The teaching of the Preacher
4. The writing of Proverbs
 - a) Pondered
 - b) Sought out
 - c) To set in order many proverbs

The words of the Preacher

"The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and what was written was upright—words of truth." Eccl 12:10

1. Acceptable words
2. Upright words
3. Words of truth

The impact of words

"The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd." Eccl 12:11

1. Words of the wise function like goads
2. Words of scholars function as well-driven nails
3. Given by the Lord...One Shepherd Ps 23:1

A further admonishment

"And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is wearisome to the flesh." Eccl 12:12

1. To regard the reader as a son
2. To admonish
3. To not get weary
4. To make seeking wisdom and knowledge a lifelong pursuit

Lessons to be learned

1. Challenged to gain knowledge and wisdom that we may teach to others
2. To seek, to ponder and set in order
3. To choose our words well
4. See the impact of words
5. Seeking wisdom as a lifelong pursuit