

# Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

## Seek God Early in Life

- 1 Remember your Creator in the days of your youth,  
Before the days of trouble come and the years approach  
when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them"—
- 2 before the sun and the light, and the moon and the stars  
grow dark, and the clouds return after the rain;
- 3 when the keepers of the house tremble,  
and the strong men stoop,  
when the grinders cease because they are few,  
and those looking through the windows grow dim;
- 4 when the doors to the street are closed,  
and the sound of grinding fades,  
when men rise up at the sound of birds,  
but all their songs grow faint.
- 5 when men are afraid of heights, And of dangers in the streets;  
when the almond tree blossoms,  
and the grasshopper drags himself along,  
and desire is no longer stirred..  
Then man goes to his eternal home,  
and mourners go about the streets.
- 6 Remember him--before the silver cord is severed,  
or the golden bowl is broken;  
before the pitcher shattered at the spring,  
or the wheel broken at the well.
- 7 and the dust returns to the ground it came from,  
and the spirit returns to God who gave it.
- 8 "Meaningless! Meaningless!," says the Teacher;  
"Everything is meaningless!."

