



Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

Seek God Early in Life

1 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.”

2 While the sun and the light, The moon and the stars
are not darkened, And the clouds do not return after the rain;

3 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;

4 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.

5 Also they are afraid of height, And of terrors on 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 in the streets.

6 Remember your Creator 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.

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

8 “Vanity of vanities,” says the Preacher;
“All is vanity.”