

Remembering

Remember Your Creator

Foundation

Bible passage: Ecclesiastes 12.1

“Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, ‘I have no pleasure in them’” (Eccl. 12.1)

What does it mean to “remember your Creator?” In the Bible remembering is more than just calling something to mind briefly. It means being thoughtful about, reflecting upon and allowing what we know and remember to shape our lives.

When we look at the created world around us it is incredible, beautiful, amazingly complex and well ordered. Seeing this should and does make people want to praise God the Creator and grow in understanding what God has made and why.

In Ecclesiastes 12.1 the author, Solomon, encourages people to live their lives, from youth to old age, knowing that we are made by God, mindful of God’s desire for our lives and wanting to honour Him in what does we do.

Solomon stress that we should remember our Creator in the days of our youth. The traditional understanding is that he wrote this book late in his own life. Sometimes people say they want to have fun when they are young and then think about God, religion and what life is about, when they are older. But that is foolish because none of us knows whether we will live to see tomorrow let alone old age.



Ecclesiastes is a fairly gloomy book and paints a gloomy picture of old age in chapter 2 verse 1. He seems to be warning that the course of a person’s life can be set from an early age. People can get into a rut and then find it very hard to get out of it, and perhaps never do. It can be like a large ship that, once it gets moving, can be very hard to change direction.

Jesus warned that as life goes on the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches can even choke faith (Mtt 13.22) and they can become a barrier that stops people from

remembering God in their later life.

Therefore, Solomon goes against what many might think and tells people to remember God when they are young, do not delay. Of course, people do turn to God later in life, and there is an example later in this module, but the Bible encourages and warns people to remember their creator in the days of their youth.

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Remembering God is about being mindful of God and His desire for our lives, when we are young, not just later in life.