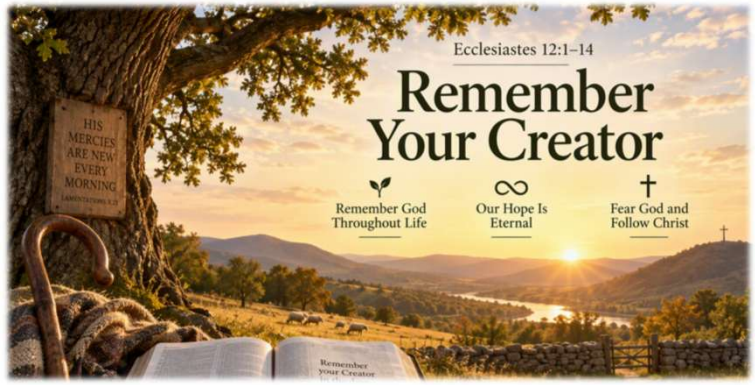


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Ecclesiastes 12 KJV

12 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; 2 While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: 3 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, 4 And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low;

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Ecclesiastes 12 KJV

5 Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: 6 Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. 7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. 8 Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity. 9 And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs.

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Ecclesiastes 12 KJV

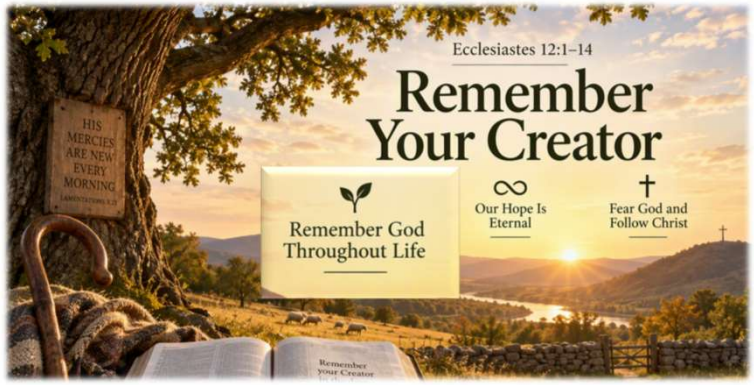
10 The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth. 11 The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd. 12 And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. 13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

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Theme

As we grow older, God calls us to remember Him, trust Him through life's changing seasons & live each day with reverence, knowing that our hope is in Him & our future is secure in Jesus.

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Remember God Through Life

- Remembering the Lord daily helps us remain spiritually connected to the source of life & strength.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. (John 15:4-5 KJV)

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Remember God Through Life

- God desires faithfulness at every age & a life devoted to Him becomes a witness to others.

12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. (1 Timothy 4:12 KJV)

8

Remember God Through Life

- Spiritual habits such as prayer, worship & Bible study bring lifelong blessings.

7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness. 8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. (1 Timothy 4:7-8 KJV)

9

Remember God Through Life

- God remains faithful to complete the good work He began in us, even in our later years.

6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: (Philippians 1:6 KJV)

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Remember God Through Life

- Those who trust in the Lord continue to receive renewed strength for each season of life.

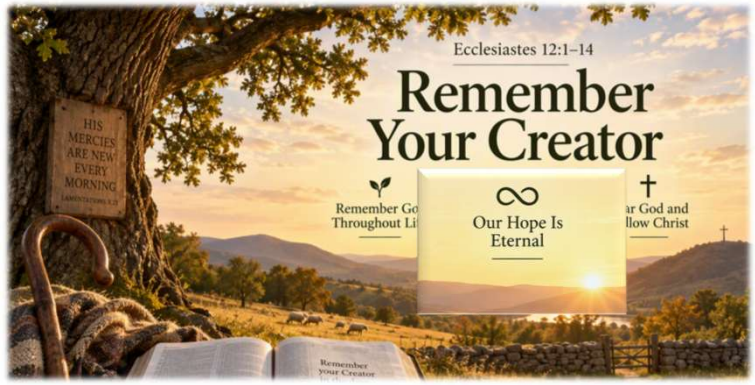
16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. (2 Corinthians 4:16 KJV)

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Discussion Questions

- What practices help you remember & stay close to God each day?
- Looking back over your life, how have you seen God's faithfulness at work?
- What encouragement would you give a younger person about following God faithfully?

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Our Eternal Hope

- While our bodies grow weaker, God continues to strengthen us inwardly.

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. (2 Corinthians 4:16 KJV)

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Our Eternal Hope

- Our true citizenship is in heaven, where Jesus is preparing an eternal home for us.

20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. (Philippians 3:20-21 KJV)

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Our Eternal Hope

- Jesus promises eternal life to everyone who believes in Him.

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? (John 11:25-26 KJV)

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Our Eternal Hope

- The resurrection assures us that our mortal bodies will one day be made new.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. (1 Corinthians 15:53-54 KJV)

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Our Eternal Hope

- God promises a future without pain, sorrow, or death for His people.

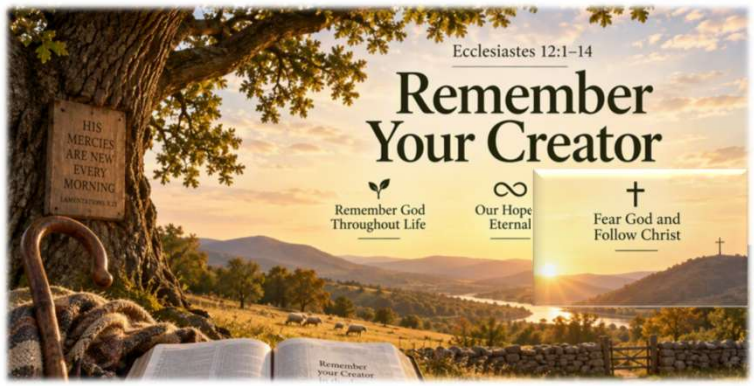
4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (Revelation 21:4 KJV)

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Discussion Questions

- How does God's promise of eternal life affect your view of aging?
- What comforts you most when you think about heaven?
- How has your faith grown stronger through life's physical challenges?

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Fear God & Follow Jesus

- Jesus is God's wisdom revealed & the fulfillment of all true wisdom.

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. (1 Corinthians 1:24 KJV)

30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: (1 Corinthians 1:30 KJV)

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Fear God & Follow Jesus

- God's commands are summed up in loving God & loving others.

37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40 KJV)

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Fear God & Follow Jesus

- Through Jesus we receive righteousness, holiness & redemption.

30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:30-31 KJV)

23

Fear God & Follow Jesus

- Believers no longer live under condemnation because Jesus bore our judgment on the cross.

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (Romans 8:1 KJV)

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Fear God & Follow Jesus

- God continues His work in us & will faithfully complete it when Christ returns.

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Discussion Questions

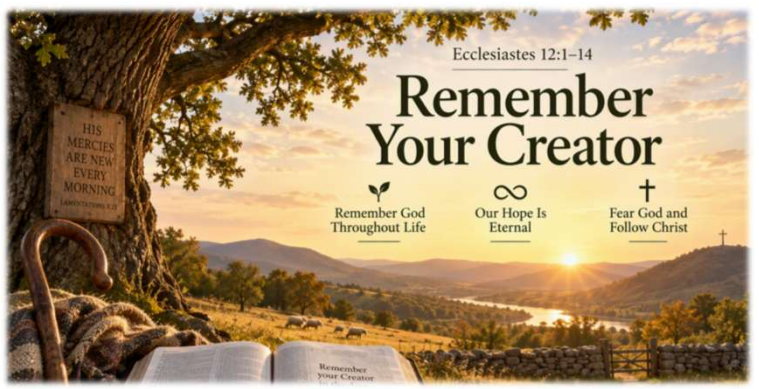
- What does "fearing God" mean to you at this stage of life?
- How does knowing that Jesus has taken your judgment change the way you live today?
- In what practical way can you better love God or serve others this week?

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Practical Applications

- Write a brief personal statement describing what matters most to you spiritually at this stage of life.
- Share with someone the Ecclesiastes verse that has most encouraged you during this study.
- Choose one specific way to honor God & serve others during the coming week.
- Thank God for His faithfulness throughout your life 7 for His promises for eternity.

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Ways We Can Remember & Stay Close to God

- Begin & End Each Day with God
  - Start the morning with a brief prayer of thanksgiving.
  - Read a short portion of Scripture each day.
  - Recite a favorite Bible verse from memory.
  - Keep a devotional beside your chair or bed.
  - End the day by thanking God for specific blessings.

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Ways We Can Remember & Stay Close to God

- Develop a Habit of Conversational Prayer
  - Talk to God throughout the day.
  - Pray while walking, resting, or sitting outdoors.
  - Pray for family members by name.
  - Pray for facility staff & caregivers.
  - Turn worries into prayers immediately.

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Ways We Can Remember & Stay Close to God

- Keep God's Word Nearby
  - Read a chapter of Scripture daily.
  - Listen to an audio Bible if reading is difficult.
  - Underline meaningful verses.
  - Memorize short passages.
  - Reflect on one verse throughout the day.

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Ways We Can Remember & Stay Close to God

- Participate in Christian Fellowship
  - Attend Bible studies & worship services.
  - Join prayer groups within the facility.
  - Make time for faith conversations with neighbors.
  - Encourage other residents.
  - Share how God has worked in your life.

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Ways We Can Remember & Stay Close to God

- Worship Through Music
  - Listen to favorite hymns.
  - Sing during personal devotions.
  - Attend worship services with music.
  - Reflect on hymn lyrics.
  - Keep a playlist of meaningful Christian songs.

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Ways We Can Remember & Stay Close to God

- Practice Gratitude
  - Keep a gratitude journal.
  - Thank God for daily blessings.
  - Focus on God's faithfulness rather than limitations.
  - Recall answered prayers from earlier years.
  - Share blessings with others.

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Ways We Can Remember & Stay Close to God

- Use Your Experience to Encourage Others
  - Share testimony with younger generations.
  - Pray for grandchildren & great-grandchildren.
  - Write letters of encouragement.
  - Offer wisdom to others facing challenges.
  - Mentor fellow believers.

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Ways We Can Remember & Stay Close to God

- Serve in Simple Ways
  - Pray for others.
  - Send cards & notes.
  - Visit lonely residents.
  - Welcome newcomers.
  - Help with devotional services when able.
- Even when physical abilities decline, prayer remains one of the greatest ministries a senior can have.

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Ways We Can Remember & Stay Close to God

- Reflect on God's Faithfulness
  - Review important moments in your life.
  - Remember how God guided difficult seasons.
  - Share stories of God's provision.
  - Thank Him for lessons learned.
  - Trust Him with the future.

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Ways We Can Remember & Stay Close to God

- Keep Your Eyes on Eternity
  - Read passages about heaven.
  - Meditate on God's promises.
  - Remember that aging is preparing us for eternity.
  - Find comfort in Jesus' resurrection.
  - Look forward to being with the Lord.

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Prayer Requests

- Anna – Lord will lavish His blessings upon her family & her homeless friends who are experiencing medical & financial issues.
- John – Praises for the growth in the relationship with his family & that the Lord has blessed his friend Larry with healing & complete recovery from his recent open-heart surgery.
- Sheila – Lord will give her strength to share her testimony & He will bless Sergio with healing of his health issues.
- Laura – Lord will bring peace to those who are struggling with change.
- Silvia – Lord will heal her son, Steve & surround him with grace
- Terry – Lord will lavish His blessings upon her life & all the local homeless.
- Sergio – Lord will bless him with good physical & mental health.
- Dorothy – Praises that her brother Charles' cancer is treatable.
- Steve – Lord will bless him with the best medical care.
- Ed – Lord will relieve his wife's chronic trigeminal pain.

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