

## Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:8

- 7 Light is sweet,  
and it pleases the eyes to see the sun.
- 8 However many years anyone may live,  
let them enjoy them all.  
But let them remember the days of darkness,  
for there will be many.  
Everything to come is meaningless.
- 9 You who are young, be happy while you are young,  
and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth.  
Follow the ways of your heart  
and whatever your eyes see,  
but know that for all these things  
God will bring you into judgment.
- 10 So then, banish anxiety from your heart  
and cast off the troubles of your body,  
for youth and vigour are meaningless.
- 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 people rise up at the sound of birds,  
but all their songs grow faint;
- 5 when people are afraid of heights  
and of dangers in the streets;  
when the almond tree blossoms  
and the grasshopper drags itself along  
and desire no longer is stirred.  
Then people go to their eternal home  
and mourners go about the streets.
- 6 Remember him – before the silver cord is severed,  
and the golden bowl is broken;  
before the pitcher is shattered at the spring,  
and 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!'

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#### Should not surprise us

- “Hebel”
- But, enjoy life if you can!

#### A word to the young

- Enjoy your youth, while you can (11:7-9)
- But it isn't the answer (11:10)

#### The old age problem

- It happens to 'all' of us (12:1-5,8)
- So now is the time (12:1,6-7)

#### What is the meaning of death?

- More than meets the eye
- One meaningful death (Hebrews 2:14-15; 3:7-8)