

SENIORS, TAKE SOME TIME AND REMEMBER

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-10

Introduction: As we grow older our arms get feeble, our legs weaken, our teeth begin to fall out, our eyes grow dim, our voices grow fainter and crack, our ears hear less, our sleep easily disturbed, our balance becomes unsteady, our bones grow brittle, our hair turns white (some turns loose, too), the slightest troubles become great burdens, our hearts begin to fail, lonely days and nights become the way of life, our minds begin to forget and weaken and countless other changes happen.

The Bible tells us to remember our creator in the days of our youth and as we grow older we can see one great reason, for the older we become the less we think about a lot of things and remember less, including our Creator. It is sad, but very few senior adults ever become Christians in their later years. As they lived their young and middle years, thus they will continue to live their last years and if they have not become believers in those younger and middle years, it is doubtful that they will become believers in those fading senior years.

Therefore, take some time now and *"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...'"*

WHAT SHALL WE REMEMBER OF OUR CREATOR?

1. Remember that our Creator is the **only** God. There is no God but our Creator.
2. Remember that our Creator is a God of love, mercy, and grace, with pardoning of iniquity and our transgressions and our sins, through His Son, Jesus Christ.
3. Remember that God is our Creator.
 - He brought us into being.
 - He called us into His family.
 - He provides for us all our needs.
 - He protects us from Satan, the evil one.
 - He blesses us with uncountable blessings.
 - He indwells us and continually guides, teaches, and shapes us into His Son's likeness.
 - He owns us and rules over us.
4. Remember why God created us.
 - We were made to glorify God and to bring honor to Him.
 - We show His grace in our salvation.
 - We show His power over evil and the Evil one.
5. Remember that we are not worthy to even live, much less be called His Children.
 - Every one of us have transgressed God's law countless times over.
 - We have ignored His grace.
 - We have trampled His dear Son under our feet.
 - We deserve God's wrath.

6. Remember what our Creator, the Holy Lord has done and continues to do for sinners such as us.
 - We could never have been saved if God, the Father, had not loved us with an everlasting love.
 - We could never have been saved had not God, the Son, come into this world in human flesh and lived for us, then died for us as our substitute to satisfy God's righteous demand that our sins be paid for with blood.
 - We could never have been saved had not God, the Holy Spirit, called to us and revealed Jesus Christ to us and brought us one by one to a belief in God's Son, Jesus.
7. Remember that we are privileged to be a part of God's Family, chosen, placed into God's Family, appointed priests, part of God's Holy nation and the honor to be personally serving God.
8. Remember that God is still merciful, good and gracious to all who call upon Him and even in the senior years of one's life, God will still save that person when he/she calls upon God to save.

CONCLUSION:

1. *"Remember now thy Creator..."*
2. Remember what we receive from Him: daily needs, breath, life, hope, salvation, righteousness.
3. Let us set our minds upon Him and never forget nor neglect Him.
4. What an honor. What a privilege that is far above any the angels might ever have.
5. *"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy golden years...."*

(Some borrowed thoughts along with some of mine as I am now a senior adult also)
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