

Ecclesiastes
12:5-14

IS THAT YOUR FINAL ANSWER?

Aging - A Sobering Process (vv. 1-5b)

In Psalm 103, “our days on earth are like grass. Like wild flowers, we bloom and die. The wind blows and we are gone as though we had never been before.”

According to Solomon the most difficult years of life
is the aging process

Aging – A Debilitating Development (vv. 1-5b)

Our memory goes

We begin to lose our mobility

Failing eyesight

We experience sleepless nights

hearing loss occurs

The tremors start to affect us

Our hair turns gray

Dying - A Sure Promise (vv. 5c-8)

Description of Death

Description After Death

Two things are eternal, the Word of God and the soul of a person.

We have an opportunity to choose the plot of real estate, where it will be?

Preparing - A Smart Practice (vv. 9-14)

We Should Fear (Revere) God

We Should Obey God

We Should Prepare to Give an Account to God

Prayer to Pray As We Age

Lord, thou knowest I'm growing older. Keep me from the idea that I must express myself on every subject. Release me from the craving to meddle in everyone's affairs. Keep my tongue from the recital of endless details of the past which do not interest others.

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Make me thoughtful but not interfering, helpful but not bossy. And with the wisdom and experience I have gained; it does seem a pity not to use it all. But thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends left in the end. So, help me to pray more, to talk less. And beyond all this, let me continue to flourish spiritually and bring forth fruit to thy glory even in old age. Amen.

My Summary of Ecclesiastes

Life is an opportunity-Living is an opportunity

Aging without God is empty

Dying without God is a calamity

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"AMEN"