

Ecclesiastes: The Case for Courage and Joy

Ecclesiastes 11:1-12:8

Main Idea

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Passage Flow

- Remember Your Creator 12:1-8
- Courage Instead of Caution 11:1-6
- Rejoice Instead of Regret 11:7-10

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Remember Your Creator

A new wrinkle to the hebel
of death. Before we die, we
have to grow old



Remember Your Creator 12:1-8

- When?
 - While you can.
- How?
 - Remember the Gospel.

Courage Instead of Caution 11:1-6

- There's a lot we don't know.
- What we know for sure is that if we don't sow, we will never reap.

Rejoice Instead of Regret 11:7-10

- 2:24-25 Eat, drink, enjoy your labor from the hand of God.
- 3:12-13 Nothing better than to be joyful. God's gift.
- 5:18-20 / 6:2 God gives you the power to enjoy His gifts.
- 7:14 Be joyful in prosperity. Consider God in adversity.
- 8:15 God has given you your life. Eat, drink, & be joyful.
- 9:7-10 Have a merry heart. God has approved what you do.



Pleasure is a divine decree. We ignore it at our own peril. Enjoying the world God has made shows that we have grasped the goodness of the God we say we love. Failure to enjoy is an offense, not merely an oversight.

- Gibson

Rejoice Instead of Regret 11:7-10

- Silence the inner jailer
- The joy of need
- The joy of appreciation