Sermon notes: December 12, 2021

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Use That Razor**  Passage: **Ecclesiastes 12** |  |

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!”

**The Conclusion of the Matter**

**9**Not only was the Teacher wise, but he also imparted knowledge to the people. He pondered and searched out and set in order many proverbs. **10**The Teacher searched to find just the right words, and what he wrote was upright and true. **11**The words of the wise are like goads, their collected sayings like firmly embedded nails—given by one shepherd. **12**Be warned, my son, of anything in addition to them. Of making many books there is no end, and much study wearies the body. **13**Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. **14**For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

**The Young Need To Remember God**

**All Need To Use “The Razor”**

**Isaiah 8:13-14 13**The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread. **14**He will be a holy place; for both Israel and Judah he will be a stone that causes people to stumble  and a rock that makes them fall.  
And for the people of Jerusalem he will be a trap and a snare.

**Jeremiah 32:29 29**The Babylonians who are attacking this city will come in and set it on fire; they will burn it down, along with the houses where the people aroused my anger by burning incense on the roofs to Baal and by pouring out drink offerings to other gods.

**Psalm 25:14 14**The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

**Psalm 34:7 7**The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

**Psalm 115:13 13**he will bless those who fear the Lord— small and great alike.

**Proverbs 9:10 10**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

**Application**

**Ask For It**

**Choose It**

**Persue It**

**2 Corinthians 5:14-17 14**For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. **15**And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

**16**So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. **17**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+5%3A14-17&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28895a)] The old has gone, the new is here!

## O Come All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be)

### Verse 1

O come all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of angels

### Chorus 1

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

### Verse 2

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above  
Glory to God all  
Glory in the highest

### Chorus 2

Yea Lord we greet thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory given  
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing

### Bridge

His name shall be wonderful counselor  
His name shall be Everlasting Father  
His name shall be Prince of Peace Mighty God  
His name shall be Emmanuel

### Chorus 3

We'll praise Your name forever  
We'll praise Your name forever  
We'll praise Your name forever  
Christ the Lord

## Famous One

### Chorus

You are the Lord  
The famous One famous One  
Great is Your name in all the earth  
The heavens declare  
You're glorious glorious  
Great is Your fame beyond the earth

### Verse 1

And for all You've done and yet to do  
With ev'ry breath I'm praising You  
Desire of nations and ev'ry heart  
You alone are God You alone are God

### Verse 2

The Morning Star is shining through  
And ev'ry eye is watching You  
Revealed by nature and miracles  
You are beautiful You are beautiful

## Beautiful

### Verse 1

I see Your face in ev'ry sunrise  
The colors of the morning are inside Your eyes  
The world awakens in the light of the day  
I look up to the sky and say  
You're beautiful

### Verse 2

I see Your power in the moonlit night  
Where planets are in motion and galaxies are bright  
We are amazed in the light of the stars  
It's all proclaiming who You are  
You're beautiful

### Interlude

You're beautiful

### Verse 3

I see You there hanging on a tree  
You bled and then You died  
And then You rose again for me  
Now You are sitting on Your heavenly throne  
Soon we will be coming home  
You're beautiful

### Interlude

You're beautiful  
Let's sing it out

### Verse 4

When we arrive at eternity's shore  
Where death is just a memory and tears are no more  
We'll enter in as the wedding bells ring  
Your bride will come together and we'll sing  
You're beautiful

### Interlude

Oh You're beautiful

### Ending

I see Your face You're beautiful  
You're beautiful You're beautiful  
I see Your face You're beautiful  
You're beautiful You're beautiful  
I see Your face  
I see Your face  
I see Your face You're beautiful  
You're beautiful  
You're beautiful

## God You Reign

### Verse 1

You paint the night  
You count the stars and You call them by name  
The skies proclaim God You reign  
Your glory shines  
You teach the sun when to bring a new day  
Creation sings God You reign

### Chorus

(Woh) God You reign  
God You reign  
Forever and ever  
God You reign

### Verse 2

You part the seas  
You move the mountains with the words that You say  
My song remains God You reign  
You hold my life  
You know my heart and You call me by name  
I live to say God You reign

### Bridge

Hallelujah hallelu  
Hallelujah hallelu  
(REPEAT)