

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 wears 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 ¹³The 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. ¹⁴He 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 ²⁹The 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.

Psalms 25:14 ¹⁴The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

Psalms 34:7 ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

Psalms 115:13 ¹³he will bless those who fear the LORD— small and great alike.

Proverbs 9:10 ¹⁰The 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] 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)