

Scripture of the Week

“Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him.”

I have completed my Bible studies for the following days:

- ☐ Lord's Day & Monday
- ☐ Tuesday
- ☐ Wednesday
- ☐ Thursday
- ☐ Friday & Saturday

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Daily Bible Studies

October 13 - October 19, 2013

“Times a Wastin’”

Ecclesiastes 11:7 - 12:8



The Lord's Day & Monday

Read **Ecclesiastes 11:7—12:8**.

This week we will review the end of Chapter 11 and move into Chapter 12.

The main idea this week, is the idea that we left off with last week. Whether you are old or young, you need to serve God now. Solomon directs this message at young people especially, to prevent them from wasting their life. Nothing could be more tragic than living your life for yourself, putting God off, and then living with regret in your old age and in eternity.

"How can we expect God should help us when we are old, if we will not serve him when we are young?" - Matthew Henry



Friday & Saturday Activity

Write down three things you learned from this week's study:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Prayer

Pray about today's lesson. Here is an idea of what you could pray:

"Heavenly Father, thank you for the lessons learned from your Word this week. Please continue to teach me and change. Thank you most of all for the hope of the resurrection. I look forward to the day when I will see you face to face."

Pray for the Lord's Day service:

1. Pray that everyone would think it is important to come and be able to come.
2. Pray for Sunday School and Pastor Tim's sermon.
3. Pray that we would encourage each other to love the Lord Jesus.

Friday & Saturday

The last reading this week is **Ecclesiastes 12:6-8**.

As Pastor Tim often reminds us, Hebrews 9:27 tells us that we have an appointment with death that you cannot cancel or reschedule. The only problem is that you don't know when the appointment is. God will call you at the scheduled time, so be ready.

Solomon describes how unexpected death can be. He describes a silver cord being cut or untied which causes the golden bowl that hung from it to fall and shatter. It comes down with a crash and it cannot be repaired.

The same thing will happen to you. Your life will come to a crashing halt when God cuts the cord that ties your body and soul together. Your body will crash and crumble into dust while your soul returns to God.

When will this happen? Will you die in a car accident when you are twenty or will you fall asleep and never wake up when you are ninety? Only God knows, so remember your Creator now.

Solomon writes, "Vanity of vanities," one last time. We are reminded once again that life without God is pointless and only ends in misery, but consider the hope and joy that the Christian can live by.

Remember the great hope of the resurrection that you have in Jesus and that we discussed yesterday. Let that hope change the way you live. Live boldly before God without fearing man. "And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do." Remember that you have a place reserved for you in heaven and that Jesus said, "Because I live, you will live also."

The Lord's Day & Monday Activity

Read **Matthew 25:14-30**

1. How many servants are there in this story? _____
2. What did the first two servants do?

3. How did their master respond? _____

4. What did the third servant do?

5. How did the master respond to the third servant?

Prayer

Lord God, what good is there in this world besides you? What is there to admire, to praise, to worship besides you? You are great and greatly to be praised. Help me to use my life to make much of you."

Pray for your family:

1. Dad and Mom
2. Brothers and Sisters
3. Grandpas, Grandmas, Uncles, Aunts, and Cousins

Tuesday

Today we will be reading **Ecclesiastes 11:7-10**.

Here is a review of what we ended with last week.

“Truly the light is sweet, And it is pleasant for the eyes to behold the sun; But if a man lives many years And rejoices in them all, Yet let him remember the days of darkness, For they will be many. All that is coming is vanity. Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth; Walk in the ways of your heart, And in the sight of your eyes; But know that for all these God will bring you into judgment. Therefore remove sorrow from your heart, And put away evil from your flesh, For childhood and youth are vanity. “

Remember, that Solomon told us to live joyfully , thankful that we are alive and that we know God. It is only in Jesus that we can find true joy; a joy that the unsaved know nothing about.

Live joyfully, but keep in mind that the days of darkness, or death, are coming. God will judge you for everything you have ever done, thought, or said, so don't think that God wants you to do any old thing that will make you happy. Turn from the temporary pleasures of sin, so that you can have everlasting joy with God.

Remember that sin is pleasurable for a time, but it ends in bitterness and regret. It promises to bring you happiness, but it leads you to pain and death; therefore, Solomon counsels us to remove sorrow from our heart. Turn from your sins to God and you will find true joy. Unlike the promises of sin, God's promises of pleasure are true and he will keep them.

“For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.”

- Romans 11:29

Thursday Quiz

Read 1st Corinthians 15:35-58

1. What are the two questions that Paul wants to answer in **verse 35**?

2. In **verses 36-38**, Paul talks about planting seeds. What happens after a seed is planted in the ground?

3. What conclusion does Paul point us to in **verses 42-44**?

4. What worship-inducing change will you undergo, if you are in Jesus according to **verse 49**?

5. What application are we to make with all of these glorious truths according to **verse 58**?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you that in you I can have hope. Even though my body will decay and die, I believe that you died for my sins and in my flesh I will see God. Help me to glorify you today,

Pray for the leaders of our government. As always, pray that they would fear and honor the Lord Jesus with the decisions they make.

Peter Wrona (Little Valley Supervisor), Robert Megna (NYS Budget), Sylvia Matthews Burwell (U.S. Office of Management & Budget Director)

Thursday

Today, you should read **Ecclesiastes 12:2-5**.

Today, you read this as a young man or woman. You run, jump, catch, throw, yell, and work with strength and energy. When you are motivated you feel like you can conquer the world. Can't go out and play until your room is clean? No problem! You will clean that room like a whirlwind and be outside in no time. What a blessing from God! To be young and strong is wonderful and a gift to be used for God's glory while it lasts.

The time will come when your strength fails, and though you want to, you will not be able to do the things you used to. Your soul is imprisoned in a crumbling body and one day, just like a very old house, your body will collapse into a pile of dust and rubble. Today Solomon surveys the damage that time and sin inflict on our bodies...trust me, it is not a pretty picture.

The sun and the moon are darkened	The joys of youth fade the way clouds block the sun. Your memory and ability to think deteriorate
The clouds return after the rain	When you are old as soon as you get better from one sickness another one comes
The keepers of the house tremble	Your strong arms become weak and shake
The strong men bow down	Your legs grow weak and you have a hard time walking, standing up and sitting down
The grinders cease	You lose your teeth and have a hard time eating and talking
The windows grow dim	You can't see clearly
The doors are shut, the daughters of music are brought low	Your hearing fails, your voice grows weak and quiet
Afraid of heights	You have bad balance and have a hard time walking
The almond tree blossoms	Your hair turns white and falls out
The grasshopper is a burden	Even small things seem heavy and difficult to lift
Desire fails	You have no more appetite for food and you are not very impressed with the opposite sex

Tuesday Quiz

Read **Hebrews 11:24-26**.

1. What did Moses do in **verse 25**?

2. Why was this a difficult choice to make according to **verse 25**?

3. What did Moses possess that caused him to make the decision that he made according to **verse 24**?

4. What was the content of Moses' faith? (What did he believe?)

Prayer

Pray about today's lesson. Ask your mom and dad if they will pray with you as well. Here is an idea of what you could pray: "Lord Jesus, please give me the faith that Moses had. Help me to see beyond today and believe that you are worth more than any passing pleasure I can have here on earth."

Pray for your church family:

1. Mrs. Gail Rockwell
2. Mr. and Mrs. Stefanone, Rick, Tessa
3. Mr. Doug Sampson

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“Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, ‘I have no pleasure in them .’”

It is tempting as a kid to always play and have fun. We would rather be care free than think about “serious” things like God and the Bible, but can you really think of anything more important? The Lord is the most important thing and you need to act accordingly. Don’t wait until tomorrow to seek God, because by then it might be too late.

Don't wait until you are old to turn your attention to God. Hard times will come, but how will you get through them without Jesus? What will you do when you are old and ready to die and realize that you have never thought of Jesus?

Summarize today's lesson in your own words:

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Jesus, thank you for teaching me today. Please keep me from wasting my childhood on silliness and selfishness. Help me to look to you and what pleases you.

This week's missionaries are Rick and Hilde Griffiths, missionaries to Belgium. Remember that they work with teenagers and live in a country that is filled with immorality. Pray that their children would also walk with the Lord and love Him.