**Remember Your Creator – Eccl. 12:1**

**Focal Truth: It is the duty of humans to remember the Creator**

**Observations**

1. **Remember - there is a Creator who made everything that exists – 12:1**

*Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you say, I have no delight in them*

Remember = recall, keep remembering

Creator = shaper, former

1. Gen. 1:1 – *in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth*

Created = shaped, formed

**Created = make something out of nothing**

God made all things out of nothing, by His powerful words…

1. Creation reveals the glory of God

Ps. 19:1 – *the heavens are telling of the glory of God*

Rom. 1:20 – *since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made…*

* Before there was anything there was eternity
* Before there was anything there was an eternal God
* God is before, above & supreme over all creation
* God from eternity created an absolute beginning for everything
* God from eternity created in the beginning everything
* God created everything with a beginning which will have an ending – the end from the beginning – Isa. 46:10 – “*My purpose will be established, I will accomplish My good pleasure”*

1. God the Father created all things through the Eternal Word Jesus Christ Col. 1:16 -17 – *for by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things have been created through Him and for Him*
2. **Remember – you were created by God the Creator – 12:1**
3. Remember God in your youth – 12:1

Remember God in your youthfulness & dreams & strength

1. Remember God in your old age – 12:1

Remember God in your old age & end of life struggles

1. God made us to know He made us – Eccl. 3:11

*He has set eternity in their heart…*

1. The fool says there is no God – Ps.14:1, 3
2. Richard Dawkins – The God Delusion

I cannot know for certain but I think God is very improbable, and I live my life on the assumption that he is not there

1. Yuval Noah Harari – Homo Deus

*If I no longer feel God’s presence, & my heart suddenly tells me that there is no God – I will cease believing…the real source of authority is my own feelings. So even while saying that I believe in God, the truth is that I have much stronger belief in my own inner voice*

**Consider**

1. He created you – shaped you and formed you – male or female
2. He created you to be young & old remembering your Creator
3. He created you to live & then die remembering your Creator
4. **Remember - you were created to glorify & enjoy God - 12:13**

*The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person*

1. Remembering God is fearing God

Deut. 6: 1 – *now this is the commandment, which the Lord your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you are going…so that you and your son and your grandson might fear the Lord you God, to keep all His commandments which I command you, all the days of your life…*

We live in **fearful fear of God – Lk. 12:5 – fear Him who can kill & cast into hell**

We live in **worshipful fear of God – Ps. 66:5**

We live in **reverential fear of God – Moses bowed down in presence of God’s glory**

We live in **wonderful fear of God – Sing praise to God He has done wonderful things**

We live in **watchful fear of God – He sees and knows us**

We live in **respectful fear of God**

**Glorifying God begins when we live in the fear of God**

1. Remembering God is obeying God

Josh. 1:8 – *this book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it…*

1 Pet. 1:22 – *since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls…*

Matt. 7:24 – *therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

**Glorifying God continues as we obey the Lord Jesus Christ & follow Him**

1. Remembering God is enjoying God

1 Cor. 1:9 – *God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord*

1 John 1:3 – *what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son*

**Consider**

1. Living in the Spirit – Walking in the Spirit is the greatest of joys on earth
2. Eternal life in heaven in the presence of the Lord is eternal pleasure & joy!

**Things to be Remembered & Do**

1. **Don’t forget the God who made you!**
2. **Fear the God who made you! – Eccl. 12:13**
3. **Obey the God who made you! – Eccl 12:13**
4. **You will give an account of your life to the God who made you!**

*Remember Your Creator in the days of your youth…*

**To the praise of the Glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**