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Fourth Quarter. Lesson 12.—Dec. 21. Eccles. 12: 1-14.

THE CREATOR REMEMBERED. GOLDEN TEXT.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.—Eccles. 12: 1.

1. Remember now thy Creator.—Just before this (chap. 11: 9) Solomon had bidden the young to rejoice in their youth, to be glad and joyous; but the only way to do this safely or in the truest manner is when they remember their Creator and live consciously in His presence.

2. While the sun, or the light, i. e., the morning light that precedes the sunrise. This verse refers to mental infirmities. Nor the clouds return after the rain.—The clouds returning after the rain represents the winter season of life.

3. This verse is best understood as referring to the change which old age brings to four parts of the body,—the arms, the legs, the teeth, and the eyes.

4. The doors.—In the original, folding doors, evidently the lips. The doors of speech as well as hearing, by which communication is made with the outer world.

5. And fears shall be in the way.—The old man must walk slowly and carefully. There are many dangers in the crowded thoroughfares from which he cannot escape.

6. The grasshopper (or locust) shall be a burden.—A hyperbolic expression of feebleness. "He cannot bear the least weight."

7. The silver cord.—"The silver cord" denotes the thread of life. "The golden bowl" has reference to the body as a vessel containing the life blood.

8. The pitcher.—"The shattered pitcher" suggests in particular the destruction of the organs of respiration; and "the wheel broken at the cistern" implies the cessation of that cyclic action by which the life while it endures is maintained.

9. The preacher was wise.—He was unwearied in his study and his observation. And God had given him a wise understanding to see the right use of these studies.

10. Acceptable words.—Not to be a man-pleaser, but to put the truth in the most attractive and powerful way.

11. The words of the wise are as goads.—To rouse and urge the hearer on to right action. As nails.—Because they remain fixed in the memory.

12. Be admonished.—Be guided by my wise counsel, and do not forget my teachings. Of making many books there is no end, i. e., one might keep on writing books without limit, and yet not make all men wise.

whether it be evil.—We forget many of our good deeds as well as our bad, and much that good people do is entirely unknown to the world.

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