



DAILY DEVOTIONAL

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020

Readings: Ecclesiastes 12

“BEFORE THE SILVER CORD IS SNAPPED”

The teacher concludes his meditations with a call to remember our creator while we still can - “before the silver cord is snapped.” Judgment approaches, the end of all things is at hand. “The dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.”



Wealth and security. Politics and power. Pleasure-chasing and consumption. The next purchase, the next election, the next love. Are vanity. These count for nothing. Let me press that point. These count for nothing. They are vapor, a chasing after the wind. Our fixations on such things prove our foolishness.

And don't we know this to be so? Doesn't every deep, aching desire that we seek to fulfill in this life remain with us? Our jobs dry out, our affections wither and change. We may have moments, days, perhaps even years of pleasure, but they cannot last, and they will not. The curse catches up. Our glories rust and stain, our storehouses lie desolate.

If there is anything we ought to learn from living during a pandemic, it is this: life is short. The silver cord is stretched taught. It hums to the early winds of judgment coming, blowing sure from the east.

And yet into this life has come a Teacher, and a Lord - a God to take our dust as his own, to bear the vanity of life and its judgment. And now, in this short life stretched thin, he calls to us. Here alone is meaning to redeem your loves, joy to last, love that is sure. Friends, remember your Creator, before the silver cord is snapped.

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