

“Growing Old with Grace”
Ecclesiastes 12:3-8 * May 10, 2020

Our body _____ as we grow older, 12:1-5

- It is a natural part of _____ life
See description below

- It is necessary preparation for _____ life
2 Corinthians 5:1-5 and Romans 8:18-25
Key word - groan

Our spirit can _____ as we grow older, 12:6-8
Spirit grows stronger

Physical body is subject to _____, deterioration, disease and death, 12:6-8
Cord breaking and lamp going out
Hoist breaking and dropping a pitcher and spilling water in well

NONE OF THESE WILL THREATEN YOU IN HEAVEN – Rev. 21:4

Our physical health should not determine our spiritual health
2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Only two ways off this planet

1. Physical _____ then entrance into heaven or hell depending on salvation
“dust returns to earth and the spirit returns to God”
Eccl. 3:20, Job 34:15, Psa. 90:3
Hebrews 9:27

2. _____ of Jesus to earth to end history and judge all people

Philippians 3:20-21
1 John 3:1

Fill in the blanks: weakens, earthly, eternal, strengthen, decay, death, Return

What was Solomon talking about?

keepers of the house tremble — arms and hands shake

strong men are bent — legs, knees, and shoulders weaken and walk bent over

grinders cease — start to lose your teeth

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windows are dimmed — vision deteriorates

doors are shut — hearing starts to fail or keep mouth closed because of lost teeth

grinding is low — trouble chewing food or ears can't pick up the sounds outdoors

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rises up at sound of the bird — wake up early each morning, and wish you could sleep longer

daughters of song brought low — voice quavers and weakens

afraid of what is high and terrors along the way — afraid of heights & of falling while walking

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almond tree blossoms — hair falls out or any hair left, it turns white, like almond blossoms

grasshopper drags itself — movement slows down, like a grasshopper at the close of the summer
season

desire fails — loss of appetites (Warren Wiersbe's description)