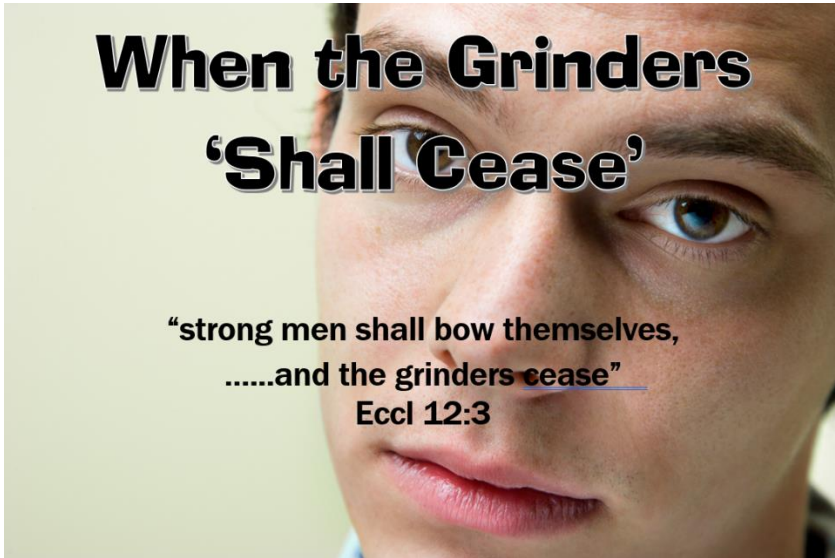


When the Grinders Shall Cease!

There comes a day when this generation will find its path of vanity over. It is a time when old men realize the foolishness of the past and wisdom which they would of God had known back then. Then there are the nations who live in the vanity of the present and ignore the truth of the God of Ages.



Temporal Man: The Grinders Shall Cease

There is no doubt, men and women grow old. Generations live under the sun, as they bathe in the goodness of the Lord. Although they may not believe in him or serve other gods; the Lord God knows that in the end, man will die. As scripture says, the flower fades away and thus the glory of that flower which once shone brightly in the sun; withers and dies. The Psalmist says in a personal reflection "O God, thou hast taught me from my youth and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works." This was from the beginning of his life and in the end of his life; being "old and gray headed" he cries out "O God, forsake me not". He makes a statement that reflects the time frame of his request. God was requested not to forsake, that is; "until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to everyone that is to come"! Here it is important to understand the Hebrew word for forsake, means to loosen or relinquish. He is asking the Lord to give him strength and with that health so he can do what he believes he should be doing for his God. That is to proclaim his God and the Truth of the Lord to the generation that was coming up after him. This was a person who had known of and walked in the ways of his God all his life. But there was a generation following him that he wanted to make sure they also knew of this great God to whom he had been walking with all his life.

Psa 71:17-18

(17) O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

(18) Now also when I am old and gray headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to everyone *that* is to come.\

So, it is, men and women grow old. They get bent, walk slowly, some lose their minds, and others get physical problems that limits what they can do. Many times, they wind up with little or no income, living a quiet life of survival. It is here that we find that old age can be the enemy which will not go away. In the end life will be

disposed of. In the end one generation passes and another takes the ranks up. We find one generation in power, but soon that one passes; and another generation with different beliefs and or passions takes up the rule. Here is the epitome of life and of being human on this earth. While one man, one nation, or one species can be the ruler and the King on earth; in the end, they too pass.

One of the most in your face passages in scripture that brings us to the realization of this life. It compares the 'body in old age and death' and uses the figure of a decaying house with those who are inside of it. It is highly poetic and connects the end of the book with what has been said. The whole issue is the shortness of life, the greatness of God, and the life which men live under the sun. In the end, we find that no matter who you are; man, or beast, flower or pasture, mountain or sky; the days pass and many thereof under the canopy of God perish.

End Generation: The Grinders Shall Cease

We are reminded that in the days of your youth to remember your creator. For us today, we have the new covenant and know that we will find a day in which society will reject the 'love of the truth' -2 Thess 2. This is the rejection of the idea of salvation through Gods Son Jesus [Yeshua] who died on the cross for the sins of men. That in this day, there will be a falling away and in this they will be sent a delusion and will believe this lie. The stark warning in Ecclesiastes is more than any other generation a pointed one to us today. For we have generations of Americans who have not regarded the Lord our God or his Son. We have generations of youth today who despise America as it is, nor what it was. They consider not the constitution as it is written, and the founding of his great erstwhile nation as worthy. While they live here, their purpose is riot and confusion. [See my other article "America: Dead to Rights"]. The very enemy of socialism, communism, and dictatorship is viewed today as welcomed by many. There are those who parade on our streets crying out for communism, and pushing radical views. We have others who use race and as such view whites as the enemy. The race war, the socialist agendas, the communism trap, and the one world government have been pushed through 140-character tweet storms for years now convincing gullible youth to believe these lies and as such gather in bands for the cause they are convinced is the truth. If it is not twitter, it is facebook. This is where you find many pointed articles filled with tripe and trash that convince the reader that what was once a lie is now truth. These articles are geared towards those who believe literally anything they read. If there are those who believe it, then they consider it must be true. Be sure that both Facebook and Twitter, along with Google and Microsoft; among others all watch out for what they deem to be "fake news"! It is ironic that these have made themselves the judge of all news and tell us what is correct and what is wrong. All the while their own systems push forth fodder that destroys generations of youth who know no better. They have been raised on, fed on, and nourished on the internet and the digital age. They suck at the breast of technology and ignore the truth of God and his Son Jesus Christ.

What this says is that America is in its own chaos and as such faces many divisions. A nation divided as such cannot stand, this is true today for our nation. We are divided over many issues and the politics in DC is a picture of that chaos and division. The one slanted liberal media versus the conservative media is another picture of that division. The cities in America like Chicago are shaking under the onslaught of so many murders, while Soros backed groups pound the street of America demanding change and saying they have rights to speak because of the constitution. Yet these same groups and their leaders would destroy our constitution and our ideals if you allowed them. While they herald their own rights, they get mad, beat up, and ridicule anyone or any group who opposes them.

America: The Grinders Shall Cease

This is the state of the generations in America. As the foundations is shaken in the nation, the major churches and major Pastors of this country are silent. Many of them lead lives of prosperity and their churches are vastly attended because of a sin friendly climate and a fairytale Jesus and gospel of anything goes. It is loose grace, no redemptive push, and certainly no sanctification involved. These are the Christians in America who are in tune with the issues and in love with America and her sins.

But for these generations Ecclesiastes reminds us that the generation which is in power and those that have had their power grow old and pass from the scene. In their houses, the “keepers of the house shall tremble”, here as you grow old, you shake and are weaken. You are not in your prime. While young they were strong and outspoken, idealistic but today they stand bowed and bent from old age. They lose their teeth, their “grinders cease” as they have lost teeth, their gums sunken, and they suck and gum their food. As they look at the headlines their “windows be darkened”, that is; their eyes grow dim and as such they are again limited to what they can do. But one day the “silver cord”, their very life and spirit is cut loose. Their “golden bowl” that which made them rich and viable in life is destroyed for without their body they cannot enjoy the fruits of this life nor can they enjoy the life given to them. In the end the “spirit shall return unto God”, the Father of Spirits who created all spirits.

Ecc 12:1-8

- (1) Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;
- (2) While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:
- (3) In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened,
- (4) And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low;
- (5) Also *when* they shall be afraid of *that which is* high, and fears *shall be* in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:
- (6) Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.
- (7) Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.
- (8) Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all *is* vanity.

Vanity: The Grinders Shall Cease

In the end, we find “Vanity of vanities”, the preacher here says, “all is vanity”! All is empty, all is uselessness, all is limited, all is transitory, all is finite, and nothing is forever. Nothing, that is; except the Lord God and his Son Jesus Christ who is Alpha and Omega. For all our pandering, pondering, and pontification; we will come to the end of our lives some day and God help you if you have made the wrong choices.

For those who today want an American socialism or communism, be careful about what you seek. You might just find it and when you do it will be a ravenous lion which will mete out destruction and eat you for dinner. For the fools in the street, and the fools in Congress, and the fools even in the church; you will find justice and judgment for all your misleading lies to which you have fed to this younger generation. To you Pastors,

deacons, teachers, and others in the church you will be judged for what you have been doing; know this, whatsoever you have done in this body; you will be judged for it.

When the Grinders shall cease, you shall be near to the reward which God gives out to all who he has given life to. It is here that the admonishment of the book of Ecclesiastes is given. Fear God and Keep his commandments. It is the whole duty of man, the preacher says. Yet today, thank God has made away for you to be found innocent at the second death. That is through his only begotten Son who died for you on that tree so long ago. Receive him today, being born of the Spirit of God, and confess your sins; believe on him and walk in his ways. Look for his return and keep your eye upon the Lord.

For starters read John 1, 1, 10, 15; 1st John 5, Ephesians 1, Colossians 1-2, Revelation 1, 12, 13-14, 20-22.

[Ecc 12:9-14](#)

(9) And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, *and* set in order many proverbs.

(10) The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and *that which was written was* upright, *even* words of truth.

(11) The words of the wise *are* as goads, and as nails fastened *by* the masters of assemblies, *which* are given from one shepherd.

(12) And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books *there is* no end; and much study *is* a weariness of the flesh.

(13) Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.

(14) For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.



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