

When You Realize That You Are Not as Young as You Used to Be

God is eternal, 1-2

The contrast with “ _____ ” in general, 3-6.¹

Men are mortal

v 4, probably allusion to the antediluvians

v5, sweep, a flood sweeps away a town indiscriminately

So short lived, v 6

The problem with _____ specifically, 7-12.²

Sin _____ us, and angers God, v 7.

Sin overwhelms us, 7b.

The sins _____ are a problem, 8a.

But so are the secret sins of the heart, 8b.

We live life under the curse of sin, 9.

Sin still wrecks havoc with the lives of believers.

Life is short and filled with _____, v 10.

The clock is running.

_____ nobody gets it, we tend to live for the moment, enjoy the pleasure of the moment, and tend to love for things that pass away, v 11

“Who understands or lays to heart the intensity of God’s wrath against sin so as to fear Him duly with that reverence which is mankind’s safeguard against offending Him?”... Though the consuming power of God’s wrath has been experienced (vv 7—10), its full extent and potential lies beyond human ken.³

Believers tend to forget the law of the harvest, Galatians 6:7.

Romans 5:20-21 is in the Bible, but so is Romans 6:1,2!

What is the answer? (v12-17).

_____, v 12.

God; give us a heart of wisdom

To see that sin does matter to the believer

To see the law of the harvest and change.

Considering this and living each day wisely.

¹ Note “you” and “men”

² Note “we” and “us.”

³ Tate, *Psalms*, p. 443.

The only hope for the dilemma of a life that files away is wise living.

_____, 13-17

Relent, turn to us, , v 13

God's wrath is the problem, God's compassion is the answer, 13b.

We need God's compassion

When enters wisdom and compassion we can "sing for joy and be glad all our days," v 14.

God, in your goodness help us see, help us change, bless us with the source of joy, holy living.

Make us glad, v 15.

May we live glad as long as we have been afflicted

May we see you in this, your power your majesty, v16

Show us your works.

Bless us, even though we die, let us do something that will outlast us, something that will count for eternity, v17

What will I do today and tomorrow that will bring joy and lasting significance?

What will I do?

Give me wisdom to see this.

What does God say

It won't happen without God's favor, God's compassion without God's works, 13-17

I should passionately pray that...

I live wisely.

Philippians 1:9-11; Gal: 6:7; Eph 5:15-17 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Acts 5:5, 11.

God would show his deeds and favor to us.

Who is God?	What has he said?	What has he done?	What does that mean to me?