



HIS DESIGN | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 | WEEK 10

Lesson: **MAKE JESUS FIRST**

*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; The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd. ECCLESIASTES 12:1, 11*

Introduction: \_\_\_\_\_

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*We love him, because he first loved us. 1 JOHN 4:19*

*But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. EPHESIANS 2:4-7*

1. Life's greatest priority – \_\_\_\_\_



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ECCLESIASTES 12:1

*For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.*  
PSALM 48:14

## 2. Life's growing disparity – \_\_\_\_\_

*While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: 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, 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; 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: 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. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity.*  
ECCLESIASTES 12:2-8

**Quote:** "At this point, it doesn't appear that Solomon has aged well. He gives us a quick, metaphorical tour of what it's like to age: The arms and hands ( keepers) begin to weaken and tremble. Legs, knees, and shoulders ( strong men) weaken and cause one to be bent. Teeth ( grinders) begin to come loose. Eyesight ( windows) begins to fail. Bodily functions ( doors) begin to diminish; the ears can't hear as well, the mind can't sleep as long. Heights become more fearful, falling more dangerous. Hair ( almond tree) turns white and falls out. Energy (grasshopper) is decreased and movement slows. Physical desires diminish, and your desire for your "long home" in Heaven grows. Such is the unavoidable condition of aging."—**Warren Wiersbe**

*Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*  
JAMES 4:14

*For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.* 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16

## 3. Life's goading certainty – \_\_\_\_\_

*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. The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth. The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd. 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.*  
ECCLESIASTES 12:9-12

*The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.* PSALM 19:7-11

*Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.* JEREMIAH 20:9

*Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?* JEREMIAH 23:29

*That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.* PHILIPPIANS 2:10-11

**Conclusion:** \_\_\_\_\_

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