

## ECCLESIASTES 12; June 25; The Whole Duty of Man

### ANALYSIS:

1. When does the Preacher tell us to remember our creator? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What natural process of life is being described by word pictures in verses 2-7? \_\_\_\_\_ Can you interpret each picture?

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3. Who gives the spirit to each person conceived in the womb?

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4. While there are many masters of assemblies in God's work, how many shepherds are there? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What is the Preacher's conclusion to the book of Ecclesiastes? Can you quote it? If not, begin to learn it today!

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### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The Preacher's conclusion to the book of Ecclesiastes in verse 13 is followed by a sober warning about coming judgment in verse 14: "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." The LORD God will not miss a single work in that great day of judgment. Nor will anyone escape standing before the great and dreadful God of this universe. Therefore, it behooves each person who names the name of Christ, to depart from iniquity, to fear God, and to keep his commandments. This is the whole duty of man.

How have you remembered your creator today? Have you feared God and kept his commandments today? If not, confess your sins and start again by humbling yourself before him and seeking his face in prayer and meditation in the Scriptures. Remember, judgment is coming! You will give account of everything you do, think, and say in this day. Take heed!

### HELP:

1. In the days of our youth, before old age comes (v 1).
2. Physical aging and decline which finally ends in death (vs 1-7).
3. God (v 7).
4. Only one Shepherd, the LORD God (v 11).
5. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (12:13-14).