

God's Care

- From Youth To Old Age
- Duties To God
- Stages of Life
- Finish Our Course

Good morning, it is good to see each and every one.
We miss those not able to be with us.

This morning, the lesson is entitled, “**God’s Care**”

And TRULY,

I. **God’s Care, is From our Youth, To Old Age**

A. **God is Our Refuge at Every Stage of Life**

Always trusting God, feels great, which we will need in old age,
when we are weak, vulnerable, and face many dangers

The Psalamist declared,

- “For Thou art my **HOPE**, O Lord God:
Thou art my **TRUST** from my **YOUTH**.

⁶ By Thee, have I been holden UP from the **WOMB**:
Thou art **HE**, that **TOOK** me **OUT** of my mother’s BOWELS:
my praise shall be **CONTINUALLY** of Thee.

⁷ I am **AS**, a **WONDER** unto many;
but Thou art my **STRONG** refuge.

⁸ Let my **MOUTH** be filled with Thy **PRAISE**, and with Thy **HONOUR** all the day.

⁹ **CAST** me **NOT** off, in the time of **OLD** age;
FORSAKE me **NOT**, when my strength **FAILETH**.” ([Psa.71:5-9](#))

There is a Great **NEED** for God,

And Great **CONFIDENCE** in God, during **OLD** age (that is, a Great **NEED** in **NOT** losing His **TRUST**)

If you would like to follow along, we’ll be reading from [Psa.71:14-21](#).

The Psalmist said in [Psa.71.14-21](#),

- “I will **HOPE** continually, and will yet **PRAISE** thee more and more.

¹⁵ My **MOUTH** shall shew FORTH, Thy righteousness and Thy salvation **ALL** the day;
for I know **NOT** the numbers thereof.

¹⁶ I will **GO** in the **STRENGTH** of the Lord God:
I will make **MENTION** of Thy righteousness, **EVEN** of Thine only.

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 grayheaded, O God, **FORSAKE** me **NOT**;
until I have **SHEWED** Thy strength **UNTO** this generation,
and Thy **POWER** to everyone that is to **COME**.

¹⁹ Thy **RIGHTEOUSNESS** also, **O God**, is very **HIGH**, who hast **DONE** great things:
O God, **WHO** is like **UNTO** Thee!

²⁰ Thou, which hast **SHEWED** me great and sore **TROUBLES**, shalt **QUICKEN** me again,
and shalt **BRING** me **UP** again, **FROM** the depths of the earth.

²¹ Thou shalt **INCREASE** my greatness, and **COMFORT** me on **EVERY** side.” ([Psa.71:14-21](#))

God's Care, From our Youth, To Old Age.

Notice some,

B. Lessons LEARNED, From LIVING by Faith

Fret, frustration, & anger do not defeat evil.
We promote right, by Trusting in God.

Let's read from [Psa.37:1-9](#), if you would like to follow along, we'll be reading from [Psa.37:1-9](#).

- **"Fret NOT** thyself **BECAUSE** of evildoers,
NEITHER be thou **ENVIOUS** against the **WORKERS** of iniquity.

² For they shall **SOON**, be cut DOWN like the grass,
and **WITHER** as the green herb.

³ **TRUST** in the Lord, and **DO** good;
so shalt thou **DWELL** in the land, and **VERILY** thou shalt be **FED**.

⁴ **DELIGHT** thyself also **IN** the Lord;
and He shall **GIVE** thee the **DESIRES** of thine heart.

⁵ **COMMIT** thy way **UNTO** the Lord;
TRUST also **IN** Him; and **HE** shall bring it to **PASS**.

⁶ And **HE** shall bring FORTH thy righteousness, **AS** the **LIGHT**,
and thy judgment **AS** the noonday.

⁷ **REST** in the Lord, and **WAIT** patiently **FOR** Him:
Fret **NOT** thyself **BECAUSE** of him, **WHO** prospereth **IN** his (own) way,
BECAUSE of the man **WHO**, bringeth **WICKED** devices to **PASS**.

⁸ **CEASE** from anger, and **FORSAKE** wrath:
Fret **NOT** thyself, in **ANY** wise, to **DO** evil.

⁹ For **EVILDOERS** shall be **CUT OFF**:
BUT those that **WAIT** upon the Lord, **THEY** shall **INHERIT** the earth." ([Psa.37:1-9](#))

DEFEAT of the righteous is **TEMPORARY**, but **DELIVERANCE** by God is **CERTAIN**

- "The **STEPS** of a good man, are **ORDERED** by the Lord:
and He **DELIGHTETH** in his way.

²⁴ Though he **FALL**, he shall **NOT** be utterly **CAST** down:
for the Lord **UPHOLDETH** him, **WITH** HIS Hand.

²⁵ I have **BEEN** young, and **NOW** am **OLD**;
yet have I **NOT** seen the **RIGHTEOUS** forsaken, **NOR** His seed **BEGGING** bread.

²⁶ He is ever **MERCIFUL**, and lendeth;
and His seed is **BLESSED**.

²⁷ **DEPART** from evil, and **DO** good;
and **DWELL** for evermore." ([Psa.37:23-27](#))

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Notice That,

C. The Righteous BEAR Fruit, EVEN in Old Age

God **DEFEATS** the wicked, who **SEEM** to prosper

- “For **Thou**, Lord, hast made me glad **THROUGH** Thy work:
I will triumph **IN** the **WORKS**, of **Thy** Hands.

⁵ O Lord, how **GREAT**, are Thy **WORKS**!
and Thy **THOUGHTS**, are very **DEEP**.

⁶ A **BRUTISH** man knoweth **NOT**;
NEITHER doth a fool **UNDERSTAND** this.

⁷ **WHEN** the wicked, **SPRING** as the grass,
and **WHEN** all the **WORKERS** of iniquity, **DO** flourish;
it is that **THEY** shall be **DESTROYED** for ever:

⁸ but **Thou**, Lord, art **Most HIGH** for evermore.

⁹ For, lo, **THINE** enemies, O Lord,
for, lo, **THINE** enemies shall **PERISH**;
ALL the workers of **INIQUITY** shall be **SCATTERED**.” ([Psa.92:4-9](#))

God **MAKES** the **RIGHTEOUS** fruitful, **EVEN** in **OLD** age

- “The **RIGHTEOUS** shall **FLOURISH** like the palm tree:
he shall **GROW** like a cedar in Lebanon.

¹³ Those that be planted **IN** the house of the Lord
shall flourish **IN** the courts of our God.

¹⁴ They shall **STILL** bring forth **FRUIT** in **OLD** age;
they shall be **FAT** and flourishing;

¹⁵ to **SHEW** that the Lord is **UPRIGHT**:
He is my **ROCK**, and there is **NO** unrighteousness **IN** Him.” ([Psa.92:12-15](#))

Notice That,

D. God's Care, is from Conception, to Death

Trust God, as He knows us from the moment of our conception

- “For **Thou**, hast **POSSESSED** my reins:
Thou hast **COVERED** me in my mother's WOMB.

¹⁴ I will **PRAISE** Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully **MADE**:
MARVELLOUS are Thy works; and that my **SOUL** knoweth, **RIGHT** well.

¹⁵ My **SUBSTANCE** was **NOT** hid from Thee, **WHEN** I was made in **SECRET**,
and curiously **WROUGHT**, In the **LOWEST** parts of the earth.

¹⁶ Thine **EYES** did **SEE** my **SUBSTANCE**, **YET** being Unperfect;
and **IN** Thy Book, **ALL** my members were **WRITTEN**,

which **IN** continuance were **FASHIONED**,
when **AS** yet, there was **NONE** of them.” ([Psa.139:13-16](#))

TRUST God **ALWAYS**, from youth, to the **MOMENT** of death.

If you would like to follow along, we'll be reading from [Eccle-si-astes chapter 11:9](#), to [chapter 12:7](#)
[Ecc.11:9 – 12:7](#),

- “⁹ Rejoice, **O YOUNG** man, **IN** thy youth; and **LET** thy heart **CHEER** thee, **IN** the days of thy **YOUTH**,
and **WALK** in the ways of thine **HEART**, and in the **SIGHT** of thine **EYES**:

but **KNOW** thou, that for **ALL** these things, **God** will **BRING** thee, into **JUDGMENT**.

¹⁰ Therefore **REMOVE** sorrow from thy **HEART**, and **PUT** away evil, **FROM** thy flesh:
for childhood and youth are **VANITY**.

12 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** music, 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 bow 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** (of man) shall **RETURN** unto God, who **GAVE** it.” ([Ecc.11:9-12:7](#))

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Notice some of our,

II. Duties To God

A. Love, Reverence, & Obey God

Which is the purpose of every living soul

- "Let us **HEAR** the **CONCLUSION** of the **WHOLE** matter:
FEAR God, and **KEEP** His commandments: for this is the **WHOLE** of man." ([Ecc.12:13](#))

Duties to God,

B. OBEY the Gospel, BEGIN a New Life

Submit to Christ in baptism

- "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **EXCEPT** a man be **BORN** of water **AND** of the Spirit, he can**NOT** enter **INTO** the kingdom of God." ([Jn.3:5](#))

Duties to God,

C. Worship God

People of all ages

- "**KINGS** of the earth, and **ALL** people; **PRINCES**, and **ALL** judges of the earth:
¹² both **YOUNG** men, and maidens; **OLD** men, and children:
¹³ **LET** them praise the **NAME** of the Lord: for His **NAME** alone is **EXCELLENT**;
His glory is **ABOVE** the earth and heaven." ([Psa.148:11-13](#))

God seeks our worship

- "But the hour **COMETH**, and **NOW IS**, when the **TRUE** worshippers shall **WORSHIP** the Father **IN** spirit and **IN** truth: for the Father **SEEKETH** such to **WORSHIP** Him.
²⁴ God **IS** a Spirit: and they that **WORSHIP** Him, **MUST** worship Him, **IN** spirit and **IN** truth." ([Jn.4:23-24](#))

Duties to God includes

D. Fulfilling Duties of Family Life

We All have a role

- "Wives, **SUBMIT** yourselves unto your **OWN** husbands, as it is fit **IN** the Lord.
¹⁹ Husbands, **LOVE** your wives, and be **NOT** bitter against them.
²⁰ Children, **OBEY** your parents in **ALL** things: for this is well **PLEASING** unto the Lord.
²¹ Fathers, provoke **NOT** your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." ([Col.3:18-21](#))

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III. Stages of Life, both Physical & Spiritual

A. Intense Hunger, to Learn & Grow

As an infant craves milk

- "Wherefore **LAYING** aside, **ALL** malice, and **ALL** guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and **ALL** evil **SPEAKINGS**,

² **AS** newborn babes, **DESIRE** the sincere **MILK** of the Word, that ye may **GROW** thereby:

³ if so be, ye have **TASTED** that the **Lord** is **GRACIOUS**." ([1Pet.2:1-3](#))

Stages of Life, both Physical & Spiritual,

B. Grow from Infancy, to Maturity

Move from milk, to meat

- "For **WHEN** for the time, ye **OUGHT** to be **TEACHERS**, ye have **NEED** that one teach you **AGAIN**, which be the **FIRST** principles of the **ORACLES** of God; and are **BECOME** such, as have **NEED** of milk, and **NOT** of strong meat.

¹³ For every one that useth **MILK** is unskilful in the **WORD** of righteousness: for he is a **BABE**.

¹⁴ But strong **MEAT** belongeth to them that are of **FULL AGE**, even those **WHO** by reason of **USE**, have their senses **EXERCISED** to **DISCERN** both good and evil." ([Heb.5:12-14](#))

Stages of Life, both Physical & Spiritual,

C. Blessings at Every Stage of Growth

Young men (manifest strength & zeal) & fathers (manifest stability & leadership)

- "I have written unto you, **FATHERS**, because ye have **KNOWN** Him that is from the **BEGINNING**. I have written unto you, **YOUNG MEN**, because ye are **STRONG**, and the **WORD** of God abideth **IN** you, and ye have **OVERCOME** the wicked one." ([1Jn.2:14](#))

Stages of Life, both Physical & Spiritual,

D. High Degree of Respect for Maturity

Respect elders, & the aged

- "The **ELDERS** which are **AMONG** you, I **EXHORT**, who am also an **ELDER**, and a **WITNESS** of the sufferings of Christ, and also a **PARTAKER** of the glory that shall be **REVEALED**:

² **FEED** the flock of God which is **AMONG** you, **TAKING** the oversight thereof, **NOT** by constraint, **BUT** willingly; **NOT** for filthy lucre, **BUT** of a ready mind;

³ **NEITHER** as being lords over God's heritage, **BUT** being ensamples to the flock.

⁴ And **WHEN** the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall **RECEIVE** a crown of glory that fadeth **NOT** away.

⁵ Likewise, ye younger, **SUBMIT** yourselves **UNTO** the elder.

Yea, **ALL** of you **Be** SUBJECT one to **ANOTHER**, and be **CLOTHED** with humility: for God **RESISTETH** the proud, and **GIVETH** grace to the **HUMBLE**." ([1Pet.5:1-5](#))

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We Should,

IV. Finish Our Course, By Faith IN God

A. Finish Faithfully, & Pass the Truth, to Another Generation

Face death **Trusting** God, **NOT** Bitter, Despondent, or Terrified

- "I **CHARGE** thee therefore **BEFORE** God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, **WHO** shall **JUDGE** the quick and the dead, **AT** His appearing **AND** His kingdom;

² **PREACH** the **WORD**; be instant **IN** season, **OUT** of season;
reprove, rebuke, exhort **WITH** all longsuffering and doctrine.

³ For the time **WILL** come, **WHEN** they will **NOT** endure **SOUND** doctrine;
BUT after their **OWN** lusts, shall they **HEAP** to themselves teachers, having **ITCHING** ears;
⁴ and they shall **TURN** away their ears, **FROM** the Truth, and shall be **TURNED** unto fables.

⁵ But **WATCH** thou in all things, **ENDURE** afflictions,
DO the work of an evangelist, **MAKE** full proof of thy ministry.

⁶ For I am now **READY** to be offered, and the **TIME** of my departure is at hand.

⁷ I have **FOUGHT** a good fight, I have **FINISHED** my course, I have **KEPT** the Faith:

⁸ henceforth there is **LAI**D UP for me, a **CROWN** of righteousness,
which the **LORD**, the **RIGHTEOUS** Judge, shall **GIVE** me **AT** that day:
and **NOT** to me only, but unto **ALL** them also that **LOVE** His appearing." ([2Tim.4:1-8](#))

In-Conclusion

Young or old, **NOW** is the time: **SUBMIT** to Christ & **RECEIVE** forgiveness.

COME Believing, Repenting, Confessing, and Be Baptized,
As Together, we stand and sing.