

The Days of Our Lives

Psalm 90:10

Our Days

- Psalm 39:5
 - Handbreadths
 - Vapor
- Job 14:2
 - Comes forth like a flower...fades away
 - Flees like a shadow
- Psalm 102:11
 - Like a shadow that lengthens
- Ecclesiastes 8:15
 - A gift

- Our days are going to be filled with some purpose
 - Ecclesiastes 2:3
- When all can be said and done, the conclusion as to the purpose of our days, the purpose for which to live this day:
 - Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

“for this is the whole duty of man” (KJV)

Ecclesiastes 7:1

- The day of our birth
 - No power over this day
 - Ecclesiastes 3:2
 - Psalm 139:13-16
- But power over this day of birth:
 - John 3:3-5
 - John 1:11-13

“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.”

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:1

- ✓ Day of our birth
- Days of our youth
 - Do whatever you feel like? No!
 - Explore and pursue
 - An example to emulate:
 - 1 Timothy 4:12
 - Receive instruction
 - Proverbs 1:8-9; 2:1-9

In the days of your youth... “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.”

Ecclesiastes 7:14

- ✓ Day of our birth
- ✓ Days of our youth
- Day of prosperity and day of adversity
- Prosperity
 - Joyful
 - The challenge
 - Proverbs 30:8-9
 - Deuteronomy 8:11-18
 - Remember....
 - Thank God
 - Acts 14:17

Ecclesiastes 7:14

- ✓ Day of our birth
- ✓ Days of our youth
- **Day of prosperity**
 - Share, give
 - 1 Timothy 6:17-19
 - Honor God with your possessions
 - Proverbs 3:9-10
 - 1 Corinthians 16:2
 - Don't do this:
 - Luke 12:16-20

In the day of prosperity...“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.”

Ecclesiastes 7:14

- ✓ Day of our birth
- ✓ Days of our youth
- ✓ Day of prosperity
- **Day of adversity**
 - “a condition of destitution or affliction implying previous well-being”
 - Affliction – “the cause of continued pain of body or mind, as illness, losses, etc.; a grievous distress”
 - Jesus our example
 - Isaiah 53:5-7
 - 1 Peter 2:19-23

Ecclesiastes 7:14

- ✓ Day of our birth
- ✓ Days of our youth
- ✓ Day of prosperity
- **In the day of adversity...**
 - Pray
 - James 5:13
 - Philippians 4:12-13
 - Can be working something
 - 2 Corinthians 4:17
 - Don't forget others
 - 2 Corinthians 8:2
 - Encouragement from the Bible
 - Psalm 119:49-50
 - Growth environment for the word of God
 - 1 Thessalonians 1:6

Ecclesiastes 7:14

- ✓ Day of our birth
- ✓ Days of our youth
- ✓ Day of prosperity
- **In the day of adversity...**
 - Be comforted by others' faith
 - 1 Thessalonians 3:7
 - Recall the Bible stories that encourage
 - James 5:10-11
 - You are not alone
 - 1 Peter 5:9
 - Remember: the Lord delivers
 - 2 Timothy 3:10-11; 4:5

In the day of adversity... "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."

Ecclesiastes 7:10

- ✓ Day of our birth
- ✓ Days of our youth
- ✓ Day of prosperity and the day of adversity
- **The former days**
 - True: Hebrews 10:32-35
 - But not this way:
 - Hebrews 11:15-16
 - The example of Paul
 - Philippians 3:7-15

This day...“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.”

Ecclesiastes 11:1-2

- ✓ Day of our birth
- ✓ Days of our youth
- ✓ Day of prosperity and the day of adversity
- ✓ The former days
- **The many days**
 - Doing good, sowing seeds, words and deeds of kindness and goodwill...generously....while opportunity
 - Will find it after “*many days*”
 - This way:
 - Luke 6:35, 38
 - 1 Peter 4:9

Ecclesiastes 11:1-2

- ✓ Day of our birth
- ✓ Days of our youth
- ✓ Day of prosperity and the day of adversity
- ✓ The former days
- **The many days**
 - Galatians 6:7-10
 - Many days may pass between the sowing and reaping. But be guaranteed you will reap in like kind.

Through the many days... “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.”

Ecclesiastes 12:1-5

- ✓ Day of our birth
- ✓ Days of our youth
- ✓ Day of prosperity and the day of adversity
- ✓ The former days
- ✓ The many days
- **The difficult days**
 - Old age in the most descriptive of terms
 - They will come unless sudden death overtakes us or the Lord returns
 - Those who are older have much to give
 - Titus 2:2
 - Titus 2:3-5

In the difficult days...“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.”

Ecclesiastes 7:1; 12:6-7

- ✓ Day of our birth
- ✓ Days of our youth
- ✓ Day of prosperity and the day of adversity
- ✓ The former days
- ✓ The many days
- ✓ The difficult days
- **The day of death**
 - Hebrews 9:27
 - 1 Samuel 20:3
 - No man has power over this day
 - Ecclesiastes 8:8
 - “point in time”?
 - “this point in my life”?
 - “later”?

Ecclesiastes 7:1; 12:6-7

- ✓ Day of our birth
- ✓ Days of our youth
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- ✓ The former days
- ✓ The many days
- ✓ The difficult days
- **The day of death**
 - 2 Corinthians 6:2
 - Today is the day of salvation
 - “Better...the day of death than the day of one’s birth...”
 - For the Christian, the day of death is “yours”
 - 1 Corinthians 3:21-22
 - 1 Corinthians 15:55-57
 - Revelation 14:13

Ecclesiastes 7:1; 12:6-7

- ✓ Day of our birth
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- ✓ The difficult days
- The day of death

You do not know the day of death, so today, this day... “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.”

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✓ James 4:14

✓ 2 Peter 3:11-12

✓ Each of these days is a part of our days:

✓ Day of our birth

✓ Days of our youth

✓ Day of prosperity and the day of adversity

✓ The former days

✓ The many days

✓ The difficult days

✓ The day of death

In whichever of these days we find ourselves, let us obey God while it is called today.

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth (Proverbs 27:1)

“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.”