

Growing Old

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Introduction

1. Psalm 92:12-15
2. The cedars of Lebanon are unlike our cedars. They grown between 3,000 and 6,400 feet above sea level, are 70 to 80 feet tall. They have a close grain making them hard.
3. As the Palmist is getting older he reminds us to never forget God Verse 13
4. Life is swift James 4:14; Job 7:6
5. With age our faith ought to grow Romans 4:16-21; 10:17; 2 Peter 1:5
6. Some people get old, others grow old, others become senile and sour, others become saintly, as we grow older, of which group will we become?
7. Let us study how to grow older gracefully

II Discussion

1. Our faith ought to grow as we grow older
 - a. We can withstand the storms of life by faith 1 John 5:4-5
 - b. This means our eyes must be on Jesus Matthew 14:30-31; Heb 12:1-2; Col 3:1-3
 - c. As we grow older we may allow “things” to get in our way of serving God Matthew 13:21-22;
2. Our Hope ought to expand as we grow older
 - a. Hope is defined as desire, expectation and anticipation Romans 8:24
 - b. Hope is the anchor of the soul Hebrews 6:19
 - c. We can drift Hebrews 2:1 NJKV drift away
3. Our wisdom out to multiply as we grow older
 - a. The older ought to be wiser Job 12:12
 - b. The proper place to obtain wisdom James 1:5-8
 - c. There are different kinds of wisdom James 3:13-17, which wisdom do you have?
4. Our service ought to be broader as we grow older
 - a. No man can serve two masters Matthew 6:24
 - b. Knowing this, which master will you serve? Joshua 24:15; Romans 6:16-18
 - c. Our service will be to one another Galatians 5:13-15; 6:1, 10
5. Our love ought to expand as we grow older
 - a. Children, grandchildren, great grandchildren!
 - b. Love for God John 14:15
 - c. Wherein we walk Ephesians 5:2
 - d. Keeping ourselves in the love of God Jude 21

III Conclusion

1. It is appointed unto man once to die Hebrews 9:27
2. As we get older we see death coming 2 Timothy 4:6-8
3. We can have a place reserved for us in Heaven John 14:1-3; 1 Peter 1:4
4. Are you growing older, no matter your age, with God?
5. You can

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