Before The Evil Days Come

Tony Mauck · Ecclesiastes 12:1

INTRODUCTION

- Remember your creator in the days of your youth before the evil days come. And the years draw near when you will say, I have no delight in them.
- Something about the sheer passing of time can negatively affect our thinking and our perspective.
- Because the newness wears off, our perspective about that changes.

1 It Is Not About the Seen but the Unseen

2 Corinthians 4:18; Psalm 39

- It is not about the seen. It is about the unseen.
- Ultimately, life only makes sense in this world if you will not look below the sun, but look above the sun. To your creator.
- We do not look to the things which are seen, because the things which are seen are temporal.
- We must train ourselves to keep focused on the unseen. And what is often the case, the reason why the evil days come is we lose focus.
- David says in Psalm 39 make me to know how transient or short lived I am.
- All that is earthbound is insufficient. Fatally insufficient.

2 Newness Wears Off in Marriage

Psalm 127:1

- Real life happens after that. And it happens, and it happens, and it happens.
- It's about working together as a team and working through some of those travails.
- Then you realize it's about a commitment I've made to somebody. It's about somebody that I need to put first above all other people. Second only to my relationship to God.
- We're going to stick this out. Because that's what our God tells us to do.
- Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. Psalm 127 and verse 1.

3 Identifying With Local Churches

- Some have been difficult. Things can happen that change local churches forever.
- What about when the newness wears off? It's not about the place. It's not about the man. It's about serving God among his people, doing our part.
- It's about this message of truth that we need to be committed and devoted to.
- Christianity is not the 100-meter dash. It's a marathon.
- It's not about here, but heaven. And it's not about here, it's about hearing. Hearing the will of God and doing it in our lives.

THE CHALLENGE

If you've not remembered God by fearing him and keeping his commandments, and you know you need to do that, you need to respond. Don't silence that. Serve God among his people.

MY NOTES