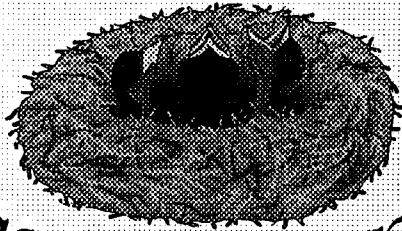
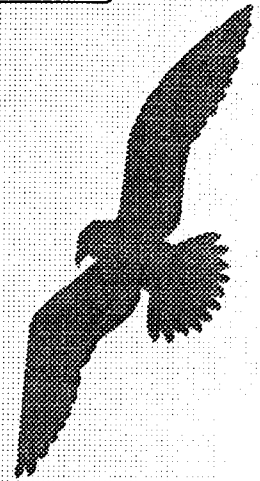


*'They shall  
mount up...*

# ON EAGLES' WINGS

*... with wings  
as eagles."  
Isaiah 40:31*



## AERY NUGGETS

Dear Youngsters and Oldsters,

How is your tent holding out? After living in mine for 82 years its starting to show signs of wear and tear. Some of the tent pins are pulling out of the earth, cords are stretching and support poles bending.

Perhaps this seems like a sad and ominous picture, and it is for one who has not put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, but for those who have, "We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Cor. 5:1).

Though increasing in years often adds to our physical difficulties, yet it does increase our experience of what a loving God and Father can and will do for His own. David could write in Psalms 37:25, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." **What have you seen?**

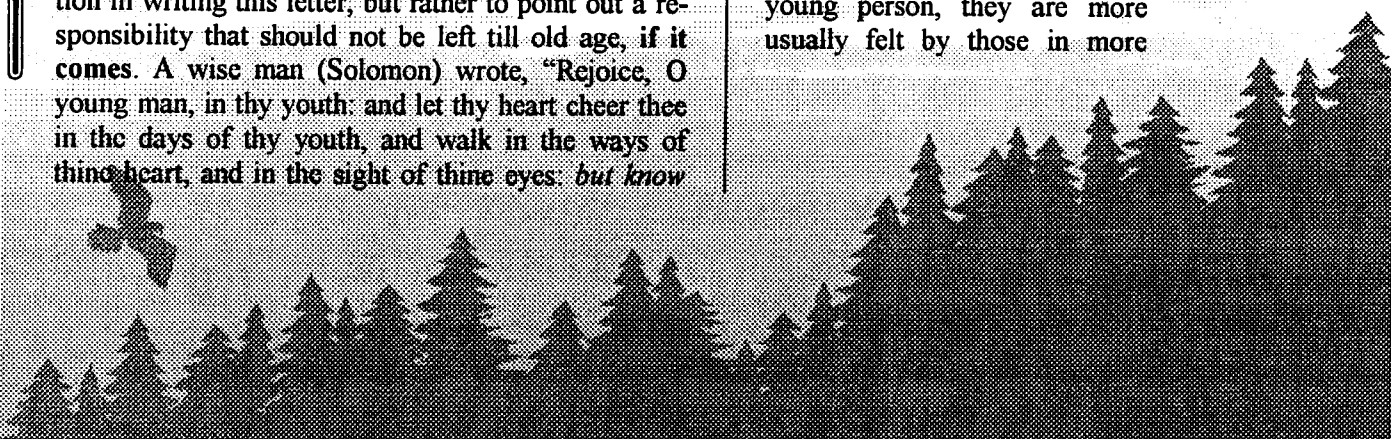
Dealing with the generation gap is not my intention in writing this letter, but rather to point out a responsibility that should not be left till old age, **if it comes.** A wise man (Solomon) wrote, "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth: and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk 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"* (Eccl. 11:9)

While fulfilling our natural desires may give us temporary pleasure, being heedless of the future leads to sad results. The needful thing to do can be expressed in the verses, "O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!" (Duet. 32:29) and, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near" (Isaiah 55:6). God has, through His servant David, committed Himself to the following: "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psa.37:4). This applies to any age, and assumes our delight would desire that which would be pleasing to Him.

Youth is a time of looking forward with expectation to the enjoyment of life, but young people are exhorted to, "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" (Eccl.12:1).

What are these evil days that we may find coming into our lives, but the debilitating effects of aging. While these kinds of days might happen to a young person, they are more usually felt by those in more



advanced ages. Suffering these unwanted and often times crippling changes in our bodies can lead to discouragement and questioning of God's love and motives, if one is not acquainted with Him and His Son.

The Bible records the incident of an old timer who after suffering some catastrophic trials with complaint about God's dealing with him was advised, "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee" (Job 11:21). What peace that passeth understanding God can give to those who know and trust Him though He might choose to deliver **through** rather than **from** trials! Sooner better than later to take this step, for, "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth" (Lam. 3:27).

What does this yoke consist of? Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matt. 11:29). A yoke might serve to make it easier to bear a burden by distributing the load, or it might link two burden bearers together. Being linked to the Lord Jesus brings us into relationship with a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother, and One Who will help us bear the trials, disappointments and frustrations of life, which characterize the evil days.

The following are some of the bodily effects of aging found in Eccl. 12, and some countering truths for the believer.

**1."Keepers of the house shall tremble" v.3 (hands & arms)**

"Lift up the hands which hang down" (Heb. 12:12).  
"The Lord's hand is not shortened" (Isa. 59:1)  
"Behold my hands" Luke 24:39.

**2."Strong men shall bow themselves" v.3 (legs & thighs)**

"Every knee shall bow to me" (Rom. 14:11)  
"I bow my knees unto the Father" (Eph. 3:14)  
"At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow" (Phil. 2:10)

**3."Grinders cease because they are few" v.3 (teeth)**

"There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 8:12)  
"Meditate upon these things" (1 Tim. 4:15)  
"Thy teeth are like a flock of sheep" (S of S 4:2)

**4."Those that look out of windows" v.3 (eyes)**

"Unto them that look for him" (Heb.9:28)  
"Looking unto Jesus" (Heb.12:2)  
"Looking for the mercy" (Jude 21)  
"Eye hath not seen" (1Cor.2:9)

**5."Doors shall be shut in the streets" v.4 (ears)**

"He that heareth my word" (John 5:24)  
"By my voice I might teach others" (1 Cor. 14:19)  
"With the voice of the archangel" (1 Thes. 4:16)  
"Today if ye will hear his voice" (Heb. 3:8)

**6."The almond tree shall flourish" v.5 (white hair)**

"The very hairs of your head are all numbered"

(Luke 12:7)

"The hoary head is a crown of glory" (Prov. 16:31)

"Thou canst not make one hair white or black"

(Matt. 5:36)

**7."Desire shall fail" v.5 (appetites diminish or cease)**

"O taste and see that the Lord is good" (Ps.34:8)

"Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat"

(Matt.6:25)

"If any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever"

(John 6:51)

To him that over cometh will I give to eat of the tree of life"

(Rev.2:7)

These trials, though they might come as thorns in our flesh, set us up to discover that, "He giveth more grace" (James 4:6), and, "That all things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:18). Being, "Kept by the power of God through faith...Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 1:6,7). May we, as Gideon's men, proceed on our heavenly way, "Faint yet pursuing" (Judges 8:4).

With love from an oldster in Christ,

*Leslie L. Winters*

**New Year**

O, year by year we well may be  
Deep exercised in soul to see  
Just what is chaff and what is wheat,  
As valued at the judgment seat!

Look DOWN into the deep dark pit,  
Whence we were digged- -O think of it  
Look BACK- -we only render praise  
For Grace attending all our ways.

Look OUT upon the fields so white- -  
The glad some harvest just in sight!  
Look UP- -the objects of God's love  
Are fed with manna from above.

Look ON- -for Glory is in view,  
And Jesus waits to welcome you!  
But do not ever look WITHIN,  
Upon the wretched source of sin.

How bright the coming days would be,  
If only souls from self were free  
And had the mind and heart absorbed  
With Christ alone- -Their Glorious Lord!

—E.J.C.

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