

Leaves Of Hope #21

Family Devotion written by C.M. Gullerud

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,

The King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is

Thy health and salvation!

Join the full throng:

Wake, harp and psalter and song:

Sound forth in glad adoration!

L.H. 39:1

Ecclesiastes 12:6-7

Remember him – before the silver cord is severed, or the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, or the wheel broken at the well, and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

The passing of the years rapidly carries one to old age and ultimately to the grave. Therefore it is important that no time is lost in giving attention to the God who has created us. The time comes soon enough when the members of our body begin to tremble, when the eyes grow dim, and the faculties begin to fail. In looking back

over the years it often seems but a brief interval between the exuberance of youth and the coming of old age. And so while there is still time to make something out of life, we are instructed and urged to remember our Creator.

This remembering is not just a functioning of the mind and memory. It is a call to use the members of our body, our senses, and our reason, in the service of our Lord. This is a necessary reminder in the face of all the things that detract from spiritual matters.

As evolution plows its furrow into every field of knowledge, thoughts of the Creator, a personal God, to whom we must give account, are becoming more and more scarce. It is being replaced by a teaching which makes a person responsible only to oneself, but not to God. The creation story and the record of Adam and Eve and the fall into sin are all regarded as myths.

In the midst of life we do need to be reminded to give thought to our Creator-God. If we turn away from such remembrance, then the result will be that the members of our body will be devoted to the service of greed and lust after the fashion of the world. Our eyes will be trained upon those things which give carnal pleasure. Our minds

will be filled with thoughts of fleshly ambition and desire for material prosperity. This will certainly end in destruction as it is all vanity, empty and void. There is no goodness in a life lived only for the body but not for God and his purposes for the soul.

From enticing carnal activities - turn away. Let not the vigor of youth cause you to think that those are the things to strive for and to enjoy to the fullest extent because the end will only be in tatters and rags.

The true abiding values are those which are centered in the true remembrance of the Creator. This is possible alone through Jesus Christ of whom it is said: "The true light gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him." John 1:9,10 "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29 "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:17

Only through God will we have the right world-view. The only worthwhile service is one which extols and praises him

who saved and redeemed poor sinners like us. May we live
unto God and conform our lives to his will.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that
Is in me adore him:
All that hath life and breath, come now
With praises before him!
Let the Amen
Sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him.

L.H. 39, Verse 5