Ecclesiastes 12

Englische King James Version von 1611/1769 mit Strongs



1 Remember^{H2142} now thy Creator^{H1254} in the days^{H3117} of thy youth^{H979}, while the evil^{H7451} days^{H3117} come^{H935} not, nor the years^{H8141} draw nigh^{H5060}, when thou shalt say^{H559}, I have no pleasure^{H2656} in them; **2** While the sun^{H8121}, or the light^{H216}, or the moon^{H3394}, or the stars^{H3556}, be not darkened^{H2821}, nor the clouds^{H5645} return^{H7725} after^{H310} the rain^{H1653}: **3** In the day^{H3117} when the keepers^{H8104} of the house^{H1004} shall tremble^{H2111}, and the strong^{H2428} men^{H582} shall bow^{H5791} themselves, and the grinders^{H2912} cease^{H988} because they are few^{H4591}, and those that look out^{H7200} of the windows^{H699} be darkened^{H2821},¹ **4** And the doors^{H1817} shall be shut^{H5462} in the streets^{H7784}, when the sound^{H6963} of the grinding^{H213} is low^{H8217}, and he shall rise up^{H6965} at the voice^{H6963} of the bird^{H6833}, and all the daughters^{H1323} of musick^{H7892} shall be brought low^{H7817}; **5** Also when they shall be afraid^{H3372} of that which is high^{H1364}, and fears^{H2849} shall be in the way^{H1870}, and the almond tree^{H8247} shall flourish^{H5006}, and the grasshopper^{H2284} shall be a burden^{H5445}, and desire^{H353} shall fail^{H6565}: because man^{H120} goeth^{H1980} to his long^{H5769} home^{H1004}, and the mourners^{H5594} go about^{H5437} the streets^{H7784}: **6** Or ever^{H3808} the silver^{H3701} cord^{H2256} be loosed^{H7576 H7368}, or the golden^{H2091} bow^{H11543} be broken^{H7533}, or the pitcher^{H3537} be broken^{H7766} at the fountain^{H4002}, or the wheel^{H1534} broken^{H7533} at the cistern^{H953}. **7** Then shall the dust^{H6083} return^{H7725} to the earth^{H776} as it was: and the spirit^{H7307} shall return^{H7725} unto God^{H430} who gave^{H5414} it.

8 Vanity^{H1892} of vanities^{H1892}, saith^{H559} the preacher^{H6953}; all is vanity^{H1892}. **9** And moreover^{H3148}, because the preacher^{H6953} was wise^{H2450}, he still taught^{H3925} the people^{H5971} knowledge^{H1847}; yea, he gave good heed^{H239}, and sought out^{H2713}, and set in order^{H8626} many^{H7235} proverbs^{H4912}.² **10** The preacher^{H6953} sought^{H1245} to find out^{H4672} acceptable^{H2656} words^{H1697}: and that which was written^{H3789} was upright^{H3476}, even words^{H1697} of truth^{H571.3} **11** The words^{H1697} of the wise^{H2450} are as goads^{H1861}, and as nails^{H4930} fastened^{H5193} by the masters^{H1167} of assemblies^{H627}, which are given^{H5414} from one^{H259} shepherd^{H7462}. **12** And further^{H3148}, by these^{H1992}, my son^{H1121}, be admonished^{H2094}: of making^{H6213} many^{H7235} books^{H5612} there is no end^{H7093}; and much^{H7235} study^{H3854} is a weariness^{H3024} of the flesh^{H1320}.⁴

13 Let us hear^{H8085} the conclusion^{H5490} of the whole matter^{H1697}: Fear^{H3372} God^{H430}, and keep^{H8104} his commandments^{H4687}: for this is the whole duty of man^{H120.5} **14** For God^{H430} shall bring^{H935} every work^{H4639} into judgment^{H4941}, with every secret thing^{H5956}, whether it be good^{H2896}, or whether it be evil^{H7451}.

Fußnoten

- 1. the grinders...: or, the grinders fail, because they grind little
- 2. moreover ...: or, the more wise the preacher was, etc
- 3. acceptable ...: Heb. words of delight
- 4. study: or, reading
- 5. Let...: or, The end of the matter, even all that hath been heard, is