

“As We Get Older”

Gen. 25:7-8

Introduction

- I. Abraham served God throughout his years (Gen. 21:5; 25:7-8).
- II. Many great things have been accomplished by those with a “few more years” on them.
- III. Christians must understand that with age, there are still responsibilities.

Discussion

- I. We must never allow our lives to drift from God.
 - A. God understands the difficulties that come with age, but He does not forget us (Isa. 46:3-4; Eccl. 12:1-7).
 - B. As we age, our commitment to God should continue to grow.
 1. Earthly things lose their luster (Mark 8:36-37).
 2. The shortness of life becomes more clear (James 4:14).
 3. We learn to depend more and more on God (Phil. 4:19; Matt. 6:31-32; Psm. 34:10).
- II. We must never allow our zeal to waver.
 - A. It might become tempting to think that we have already done enough, and we might be tempted to leave much of the work to the younger Christians.
 - B. Some might become upset with doing things that once were done in a congregation.
 - C. The spiritual side of man should be “renewed day by day” (2 Cor. 4:16; Psm. 73:26; Isa. 40:31).
 - D. Much responsibility is laid at the feet of those who are older (1 Pet. 5:2; Titus 2:3-4; cf. Caleb Jos. 14:12).
 - E. God recognizes the value of the older people (Prov. 16:31; Lev. 19:32).
- III. We should be ready to step into Eternity.
 - A. While sorrow comes, this is really a joyous occasion.
 - B. The pains and struggles of this life are almost done (Phil. 1:21-24; cf. 2 Cor. 4:17-5:4).
 - C. We should approach this stage like the faithful before us (Heb. 11:13-16; 2 Pet. 3:13).

Conclusion

- I. As we age, there are often difficulties we face, but we cannot let those difficulties cause us to lose sight of the broader picture.
- II. God knows, and God cares!