

PINEBROOK
SENIOR SAINTS RETREAT
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LIFE PERSPECTIVES

as supplied by some "seniors" in the Bible
and interpreted by Tom Taylor (a senior himself!)
to the end that we may be better enabled to
carry the Torch

I. A Few Introductory Notes:

- A. Our Purpose: to help us use more fully the life the Lord has given to us!
- B. Our Procedure: to study some senior lives in the Bible and note negative and positive aspects!
- C. Our Proposition: understanding both trials and triumphs in life enables us to concentrate on the reality of living for the Lord.
- D. And a positive text: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

II. Case Studies on a few Senior Saints

A. **Jacob**

- 1. A very quick review of his life taken from Genesis
- 2. His own assessment of life when he was only 130 years old. Genesis 47:9. He will live another 17 years and we do not know how much his assessment may have changed in that time.
- 3. But: a great blessing is fulfilled...Genesis 47:29ff
- 4. And a clear view is given of the future Genesis 48:8
- 5. Now the Perspective: Life has trials with disappointments and happy surprises that delight. In meeting both one is given the opportunity to show the fullness of God's love and order. As we grow older we need to see that blessing comes with being!

John 8:25-38

answering time until
the program completes

Titus 2:1-14
stay sound & sober
hopeful until
John 14:19-21

B. Simeon (Luke 2:25ff) and Anna (Luke 2:36ff)

1. A note on their ages...we do not have the exact figures but they are "mature"...and their involvement in the study of the Lord's coming. Interesting history!
2. The reality of long expectations...it is easy to become discouraged but these two did not...why? They believed God and lived in hope.
3. Blessing is not at our command but does come in time...
 $2:25 - 35$
 $34 - 35$
 - a. Simeon: praise and prophecy
 - b. Anna: a sharing of truth $2:37 - 38$
4. For both of them there is a satisfaction in the program of God. They do not control it or manipulate the circumstances...they accept the appointment with faith and trust (apparently as we view them continuing their callings in life)
5. So....the perspective is that life is a gift from God and is therefore an opportunity to express thanks and to serve worshipfully as one waits for the completion of God's purposes.
6. The practical note that accompanies this is identified as worship, prayer, witness, and preparation for the fulfillment.

Titus 2:1-14

C. David Psalm 37, v 25 is the key to this understanding

From a senior position David gives this psalm in response to his life and in the prospect of time, to our lives as well. Dividing the Psalm we see the perspective build:

1. Marching orders: 37:1-8...note the string of imperative verbs
2. 37:9-21...a summary of the Lord's authority
3. 37:22-26....the witness of grace...it is of the Lord's mercy that we continue

John 5:4
30/40

a little while
acts 1:1-14
Mt 11:3
his life
a boy
with soul
amounts
to 11:14
both Shema (high)
+ blessing
- mother's witness
- family trials
Abraham
restored

2 Sam 2:4
30 years old
reigned 40 years
2 Sam 5:4

4. 37:27-38..advice to all concerned: every step of life is worthy of worship.

5. 37:39-40 the key to life is our relationship with God

6. The **perspective** in this setting is, when viewing life, one must be thankful for life, grace, assurance and the Divine Economy that enriches us with His presence and the reality of His program bringing blessing to others.

to listen
to more
e' be careful

III. Conclusion

To keep our perspective healthy we need, theologically, a walk with the Lord and we facilitate this by the study of His Word and:

- smiling a lot
- remembering Him with thanks
- praying with confidence
- seeing life as an opportunity to honor Him with gratitude and integrity
- and in that light **LIVE** both now and **ETERNALLY**.

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