



SEASONS

What season of life are you in?



SEASONS

GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

JUNE 3, 1980



SEASONS

END!

"Of the Matter"

Ecclesiastes 12:1-14



The proverbs
of Solomon,
son of David,
king of Israel.

Proverbs 1:1

What season of life are you in?



Lady Wisdom
Proverbs



The proverbs
of Solomon,
son of David,
king of Israel.

Proverbs 1:1

The words of
the preacher,
the son of David,
king in Jerusalem.

Ecclesiastes 1:1

The Preacher

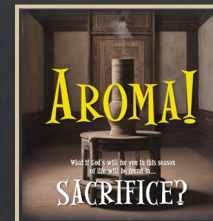
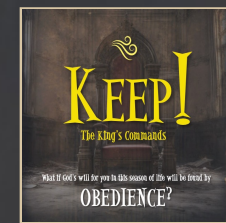
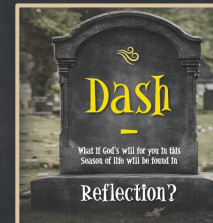
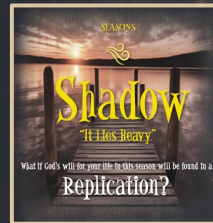
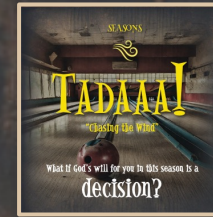
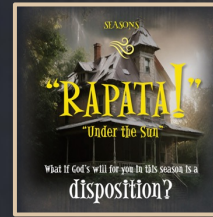
Ecclesiastes

Lady Wisdom

Proverbs

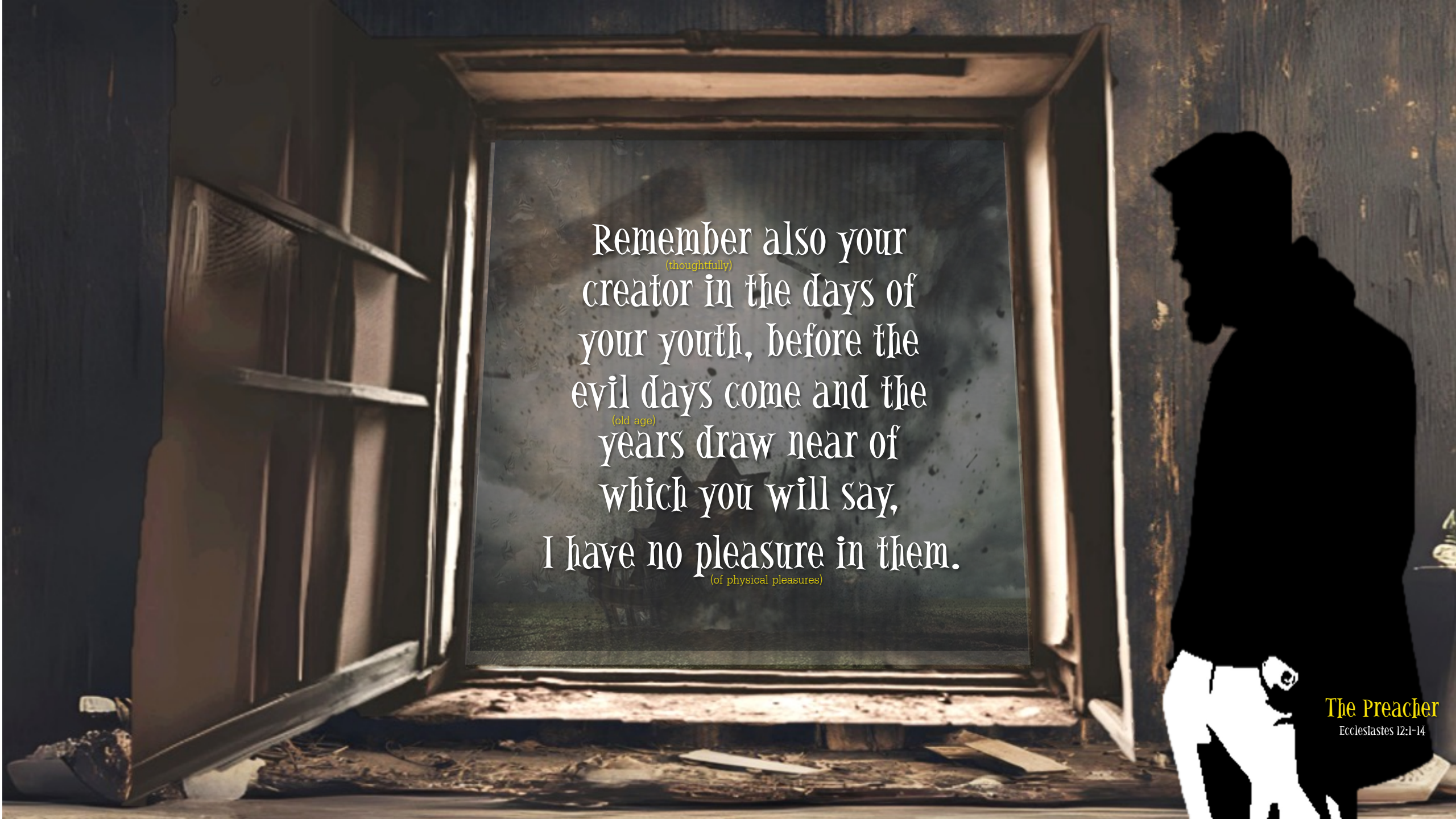
SEASONS

What is God's Will
for You in this Season of Life?

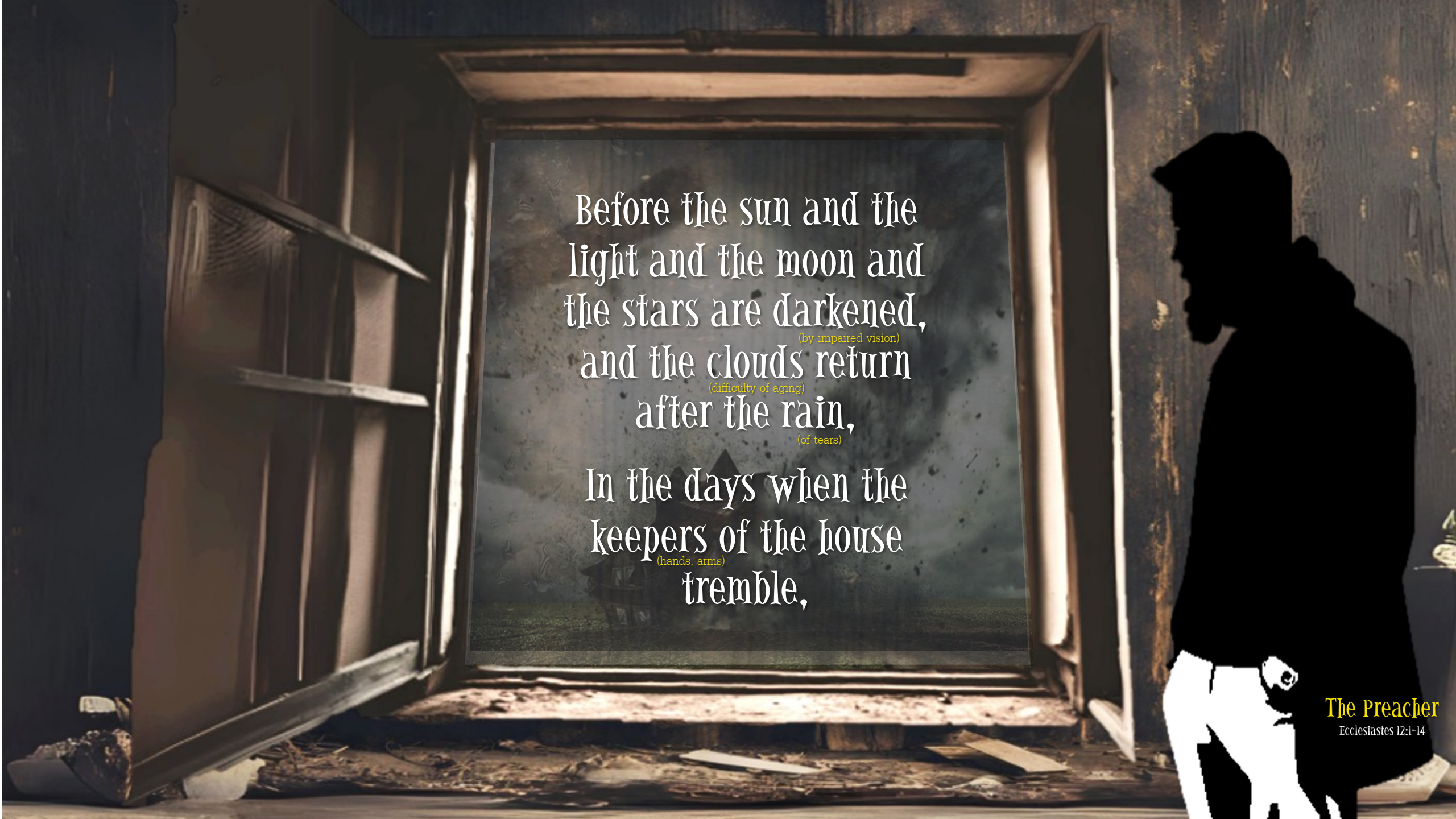




The Preacher
Ecclesiastes 12:1-14

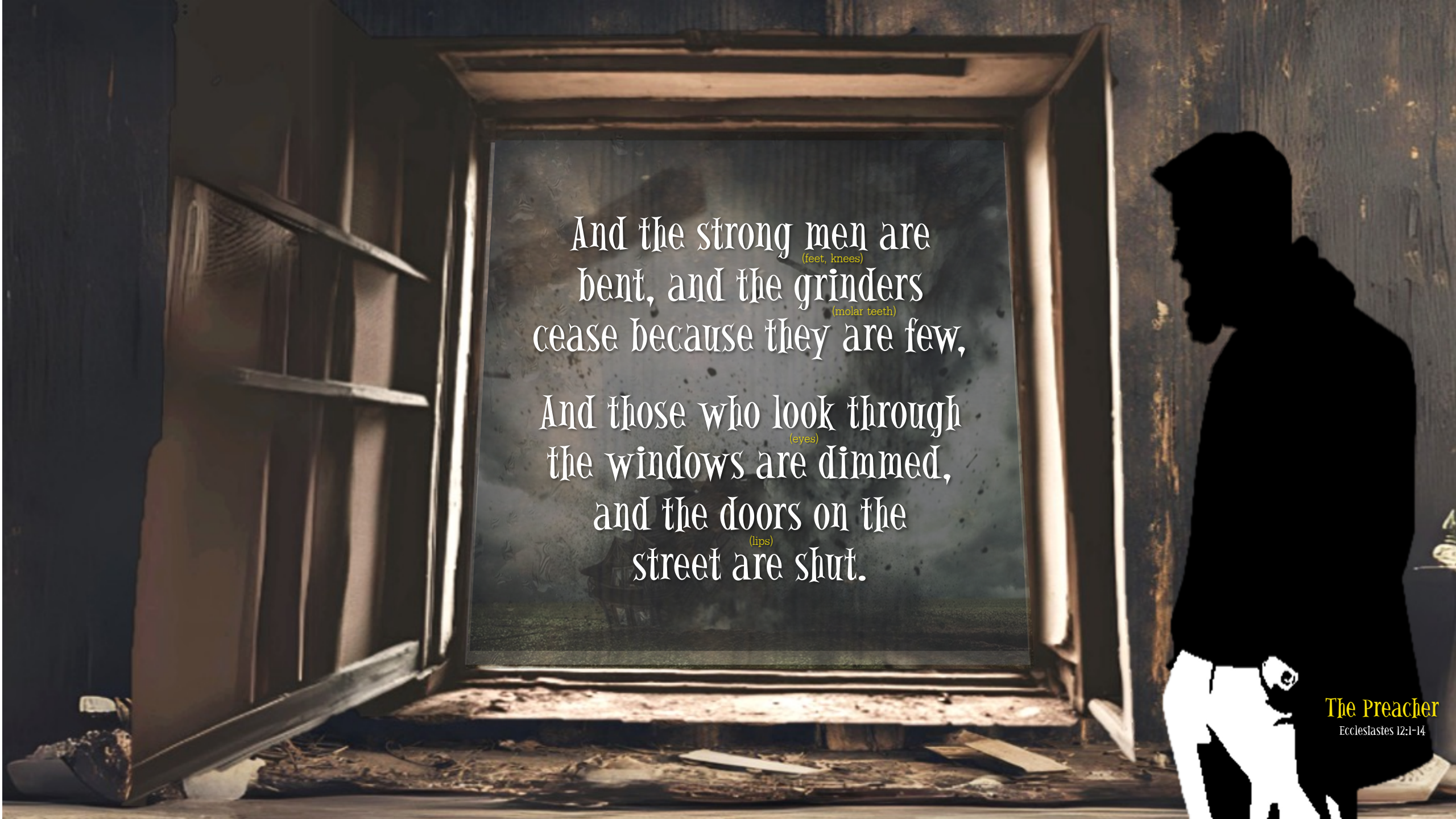
A man's silhouette is shown in profile, looking out of a window. The window looks out onto a dark, stormy sea with a large, dark rock formation in the distance. The text is overlaid on the window view.

Remember also your
(thoughtfully)
creator in the days of
your youth, before the
evil days come and the
(old age)
years draw near of
which you will say,
I have no pleasure in them.
(of physical pleasures)



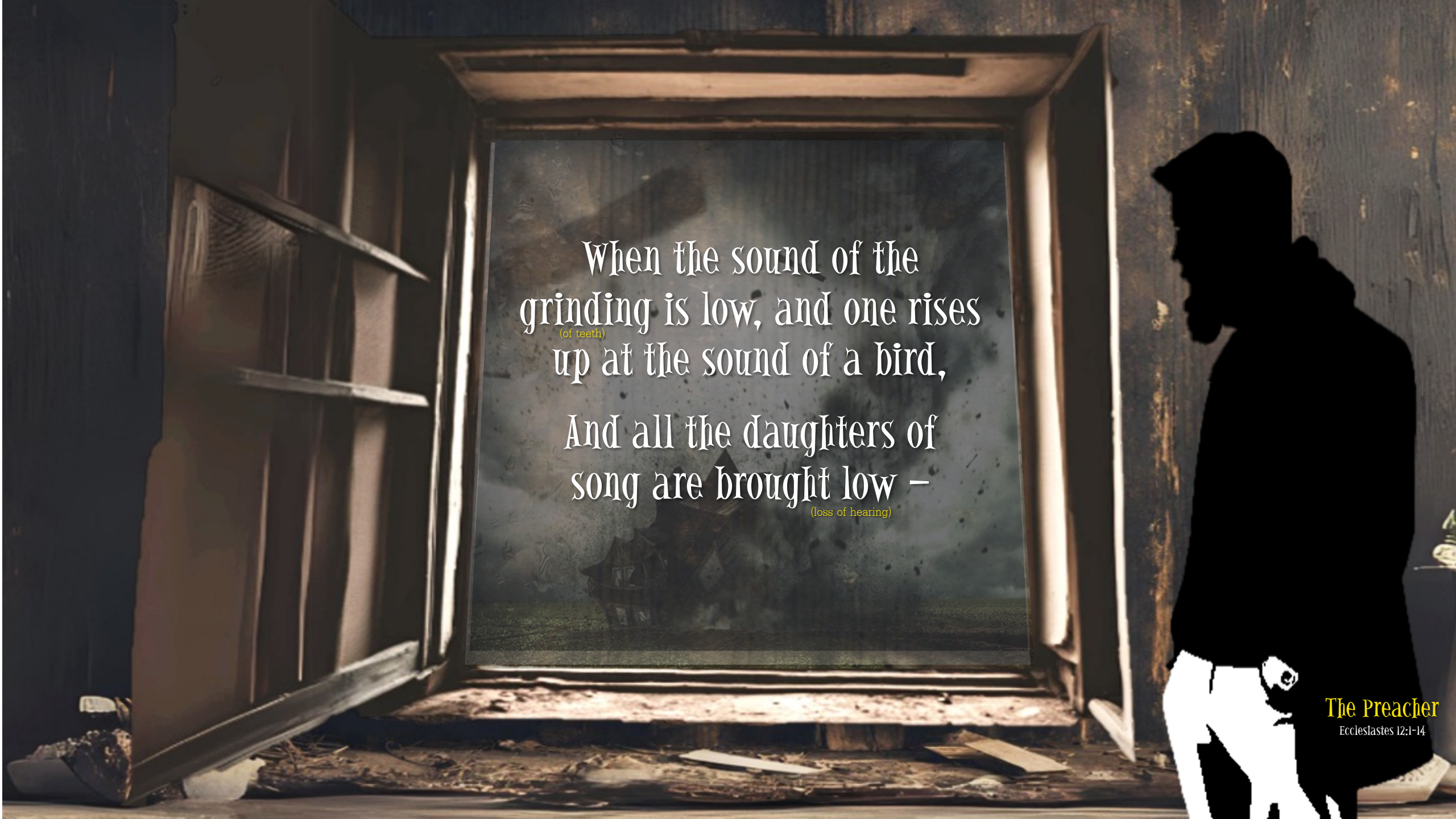
Before the sun and the
light and the moon and
the stars are darkened,
(by impaired vision)
and the clouds return
(difficulty of aging)
after the rain,
(of tears)

In the days when the
keepers of the house
(hands, arms)
tremble,



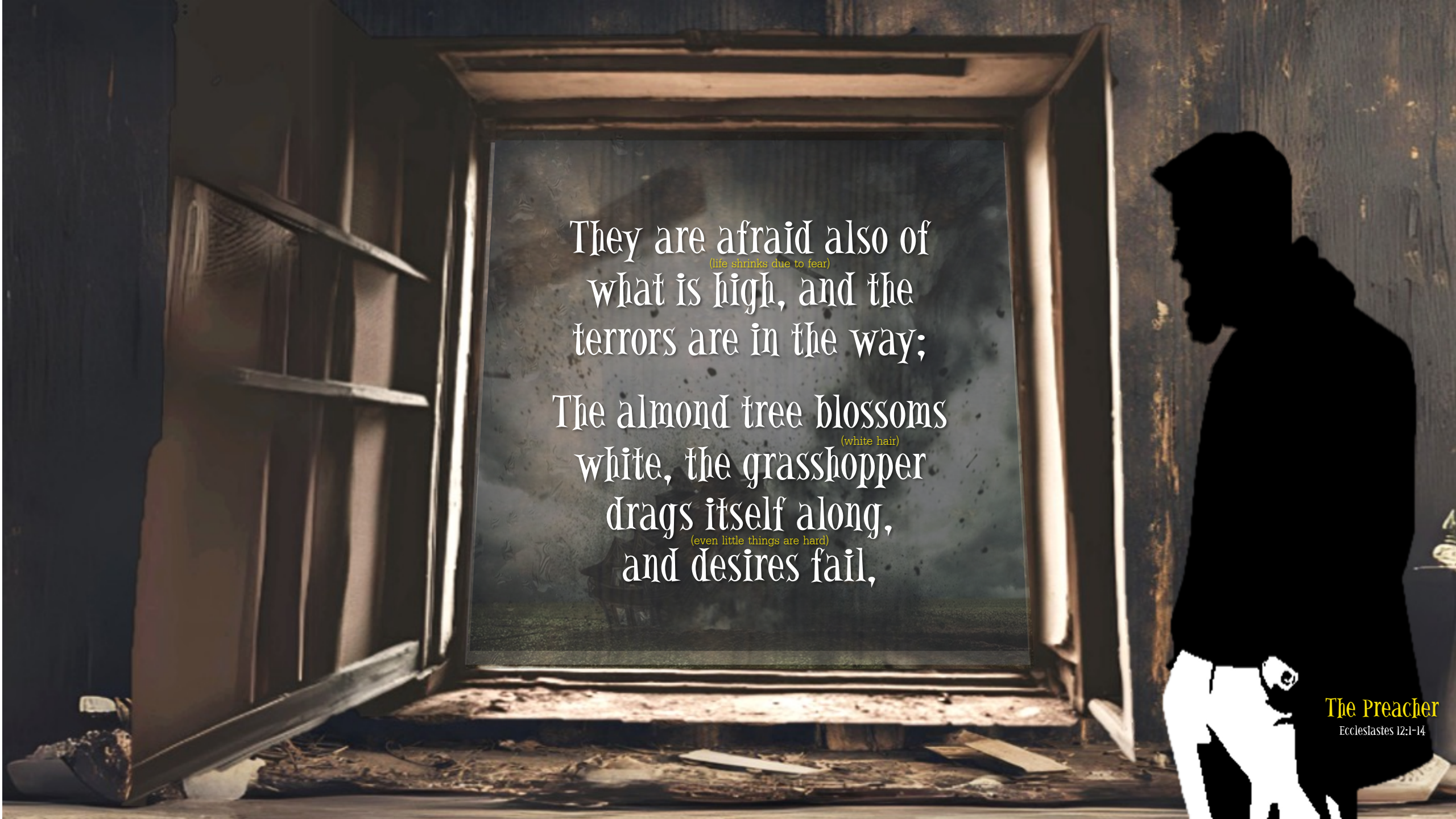
And the strong men are
bent, and the grinders
cease because they are few,

And those who look through
the windows are dimmed,
and the doors on the
street are shut.

The background of the image is a dark, moody scene. On the left, a window with a wooden frame is open, looking out onto a dark, stormy night. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds, and a faint light source is visible in the distance. The floor in front of the window is covered with debris and rubble. On the right side of the image, a silhouette of a man with a beard and a cap is standing, looking towards the window. The overall atmosphere is somber and contemplative.


When the sound of the
grinding is low, and one rises
(of teeth)
up at the sound of a bird,

And all the daughters of
song are brought low –
(loss of hearing)

A man in silhouette stands on the right side of the frame, looking out a window. The window is framed by dark wood and looks out onto a dark, stormy night with rain falling. The interior of the room is dark, with some debris on the floor. The text is overlaid on the window view.

They are afraid also of
(life shrinks due to fear)
what is high, and the
terrors are in the way;

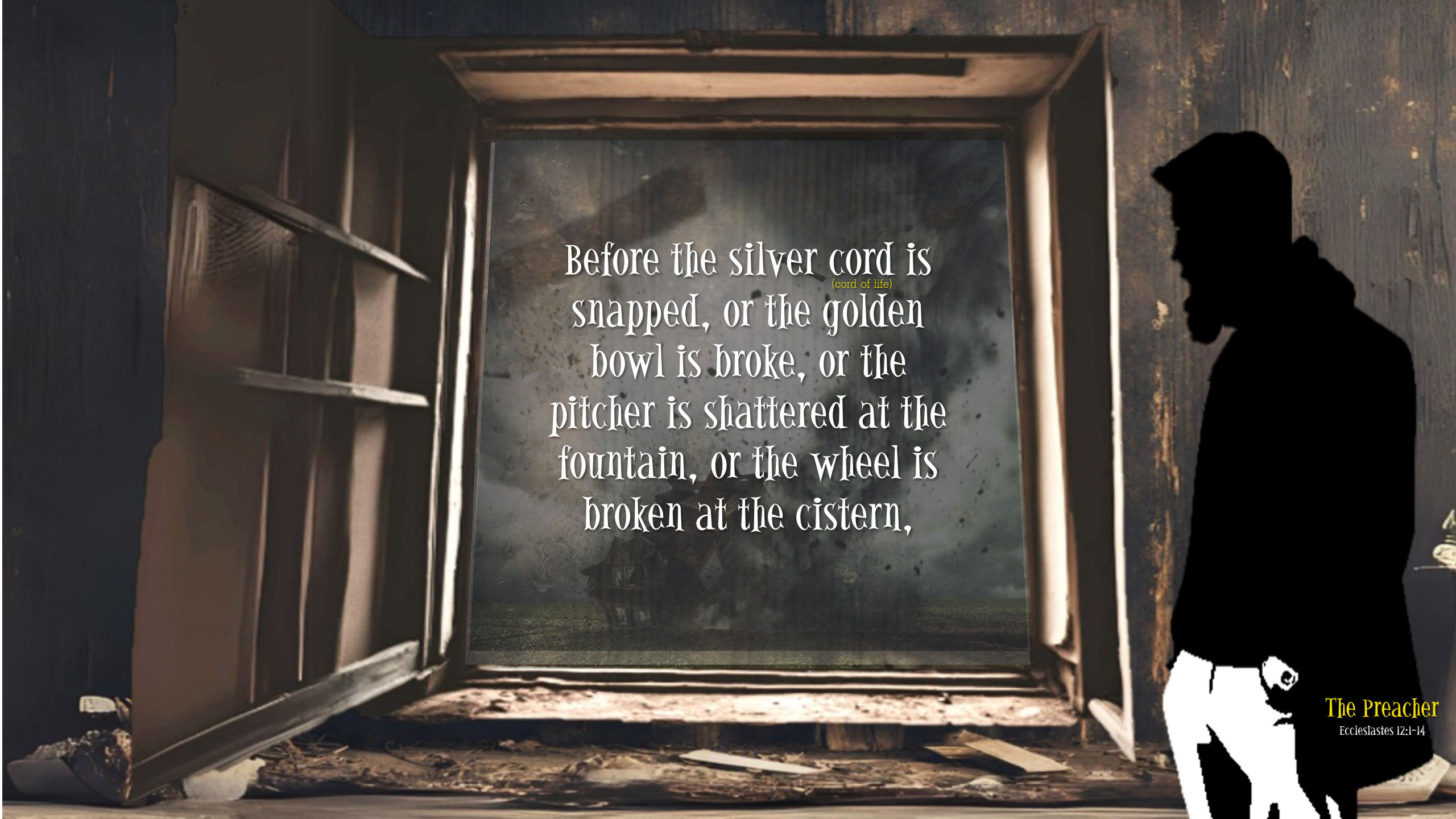
The almond tree blossoms
(white hair)
white, the grasshopper
(even little things are hard)
drags itself along,
and desires fail,

A dark, atmospheric scene with a silhouette of a man looking out a window at a stormy sea. The man is on the right, looking towards the left. The window is in the center, showing a dark, stormy sea with a small, dark structure in the distance. The text is centered in the window area.


Because...
Man is going to his
eternal home,
and the mourners
go about in the streets

The Preacher

Ecclesiastes 12:1-14

A dark, atmospheric scene with a silhouette of a man looking out a window at a stormy night. The man is on the right, looking towards the left. The window is in the center, showing a dark, stormy sky with a faint light source. The text is overlaid on the window. The overall mood is somber and reflective.

Before the silver cord is
(cord of life)
snapped, or the golden
bowl is broke, or the
pitcher is shattered at the
fountain, or the wheel is
broken at the cistern,

A dark, atmospheric scene with a silhouette of a man looking out a window at a stormy sea. The man is on the right, looking towards the left. The window is in the center, showing a dark, stormy sea with a small boat in the distance. The text is overlaid on the window scene.

And the dust returns to
the earth as it was,
And the spirit returns to
God who gave it.

Vanity of vanities says the
Preacher, all is vanity.

The Preacher

Ecclesiastes 12:1-14



IN THE
End!

You will have to Deal with Aging



The Preacher
Ecclesiastes 12:1-14



SEASONS

LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 21, 1938



The Preacher 

@Ecclesiastes 12:1

Remember also your creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, **I have no pleasure in them.**



The Preacher ✓

@Ecclesiastes 12:1

Remember also your creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, **I have no pleasure in them.**



Lady Wisdom ✓

@Proverbs 20:29

“The glory of young men is their strength,
But the splendor of old men is their gray hair.”



Gray hair is a
crown of glory;
it is gained in a
righteous life.

Proverbs 16:31

Lady
WISDOM

A woman's silhouette is shown on the left side of the image, looking towards the right. In the center, an elderly couple is walking away from the viewer through a doorway. The woman is wearing a light-colored hat and a plaid jacket, and the man is wearing a cap and a brown jacket, holding a walking stick. The scene is set in a rustic, possibly stone or brick, structure. The text is overlaid on the scene.

Grandchildren are
the crown of the
aged, and the
glory of children
is their fathers.

Proverbs 17:6

Lady
WISDOM

A woman's silhouette is shown in profile on the left, looking out through a doorway. In the doorway, an elderly couple is walking away from the viewer down a dirt path. The man is wearing a cap and a jacket, and the woman is wearing a hat and a plaid jacket. The scene is set in a rustic, possibly rural, environment with trees and foliage in the background.

Listen to your
father who gave you
life, and do not
despise your mother
when she is old.

Proverbs 23:22

Lady
WISDOM



SEASONS

God of All My Days





“Even to **old age** and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to those to come.”

Psalm 71:18



SEASONS
God of All My Days



“Teach the **older men** to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.”

Titus 2:2



SEASONS
God of All My Days



“Teach the **older women** to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good.”

Titus 2:3



SEASONS
God of All My Days

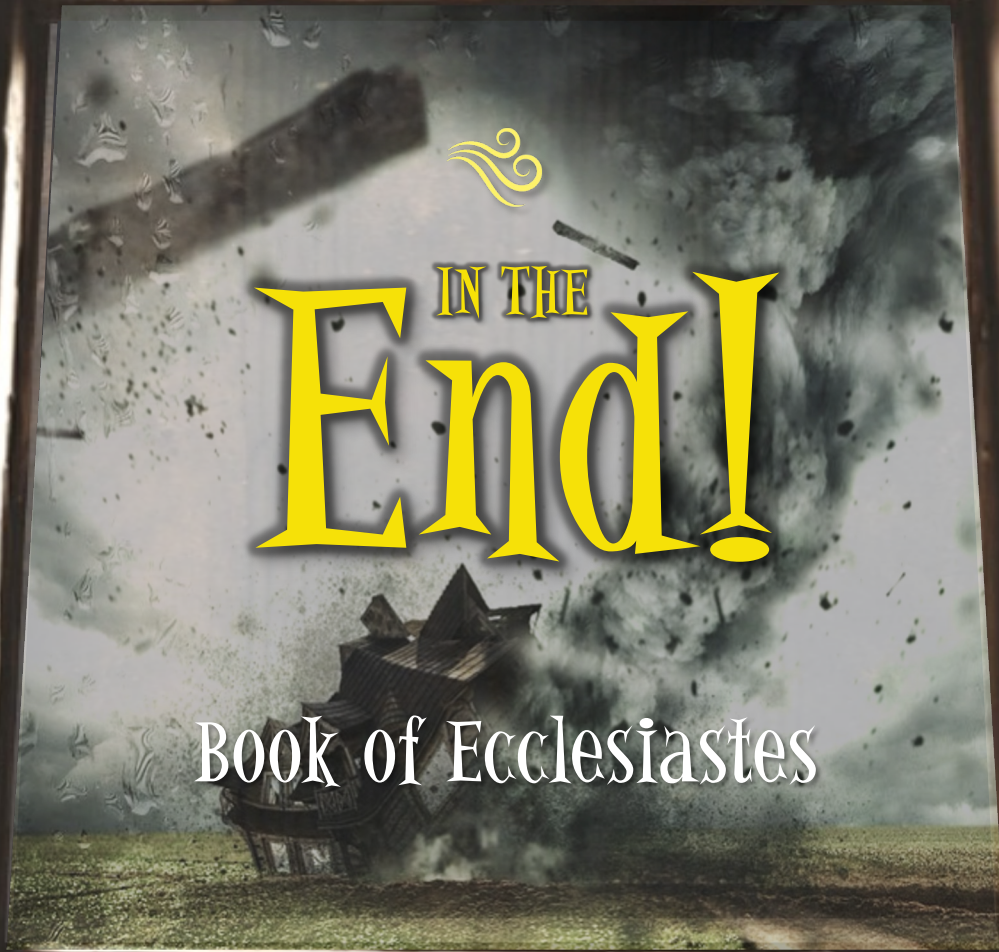


“So, **we do not lose heart.**
Though our outer self is
wasting away, our inner
self is being renewed
day by day.”

2 Corinthians 4:16



SEASONS
God of All My Days



IN THE
End!

Book of Ecclesiastes



The Preacher
Ecclesiastes 12:1-14



Besides being wise, **The Preacher**
also taught the people knowledge,

Weighing and Studying and
Arranging many proverbs with great care.

The Preacher sought to find words of delight,
and uprightly he wrote words of truth.

The Preacher

Ecclesiastes 12:1-14



The words of the wise are like goads,
and like nails firmly fixed

Are the collected sayings;
They are given by one Shepherd.

My son, beware of anything beyond these.

Of making many books there is no end,
and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

The Preacher

Ecclesiastes 12:1-14



The end of the matter;
all has been heard.

The Preacher

Ecclesiastes 12:1-14



The end of the matter;
all has been heard.

Fear God and keep his commandments,
For this is the whole duty of man.

The Preacher

Ecclesiastes 12:1-14



The end of the matter;
all has been heard.

Fear God and keep his commandments,
For this is the whole duty of man.

For God will bring every deed into judgment,
With every secret thing, whether good or evil.

The Preacher

Ecclesiastes 12:1-14



IN THE
End!

You will have to Give an Account



The Preacher
Ecclesiastes 12:1-14



SEASONS

PORT OF EYEMOUTH
SCOTLAND 1881



IN THE
End!

Luke 13:22-30



“Strive to
enter through the
narrow door.

For many, I tell you,
will seek to enter and
will not be able.”

Luke 13:24

Enter through the

N

D



“Strive to
enter through the
narrow door.


For many, I tell you,
will seek to enter and
will not be able.”

Luke 13:24

Enter *through the*

Narrow

D



“Strive to
enter through the
narrow **door**.
For many, I tell you,
will seek to enter and
will not be able.”

Luke 13:24

Enter *through the*

Narrow

Door



SEASONS

What if God's Will for You
will be found through

SALVATION?

Enter *through the*

Narrow

Door



IN THE
End!

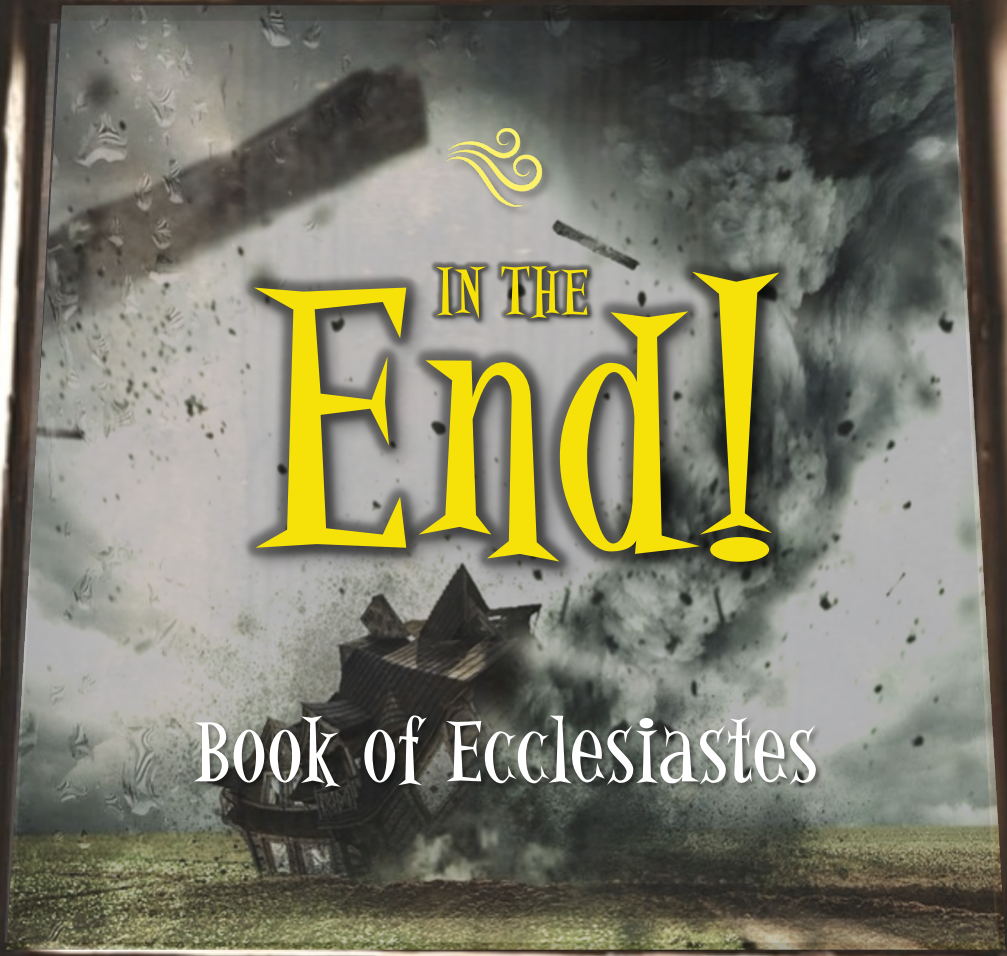
Enter through the **Narrow Door**

SEASONS



How could you better
prepare in your
current season of life
for what you must
face **in the End?**

SEASONS



IN THE
End!

Book of Ecclesiastes



What is
God's will
for me in this
Season of Life?



What is
God's will
for me in this
Season of Life?



SEASONS

“RAPATA!”

“Rejoice always,
pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all
circumstances for
this is God’s will for you
in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:15-16

SEASONS



SEASONS

What if God's Will for You
will be found through

DISPOSITION?

"RAPATA!"

1 Thess. 5:15-16

Rejoice

Always

Pray

Always

Thank

Always

SEASONS



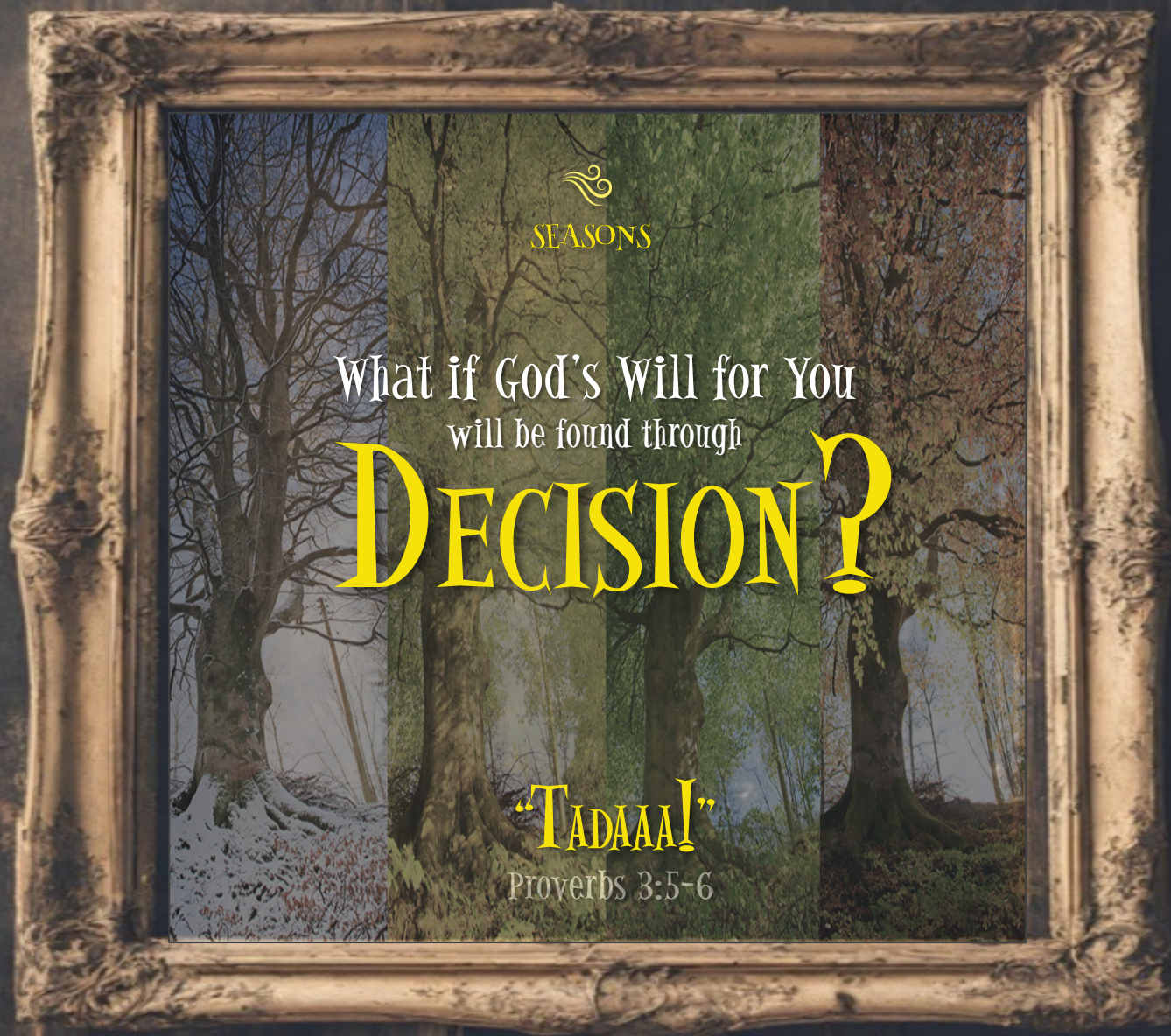
SEASONS

“TADAAA!”

“Trust in the Lord
with all your heart,
Lean not on your
own understanding,
In all your ways
acknowledge Him and
He will make your
paths straight!”

Proverbs 3:5-6

SEASONS



Trust

Always

Depend

Always

Acknowledge

Always



SEASONS

“GRR!”

“Whoever is
generous to the poor
lends to the Lord,
and He will repay
him for his deed.”

Proverbs 19:17



SEASONS

What if God's Will for You
will be found through

GENEROSITY?

"GRR!"

Proverbs 19:17

Generous

Rate of

Return



SEASONS

“JIG!”

“Whatever
you do,
work heartily
As for the Lord
and not for men.”

Colossians 3:23



SEASONS

What if God's Will for You
will be found through

CONSISTENCY?

"JIG!"

Colossians 3:23

Jesus

Inspected

Grade



“TIS!”

The Season

“Look carefully
then how you walk.
Not as unwise
but as wise,
making the best
use of the time.”

Ephesians 5:15-16



SEASONS

What if God's Will for You
will be found through

APPRECIATION?

"Tis!"

Ephesians 5:15-16

Think

In

Seasons





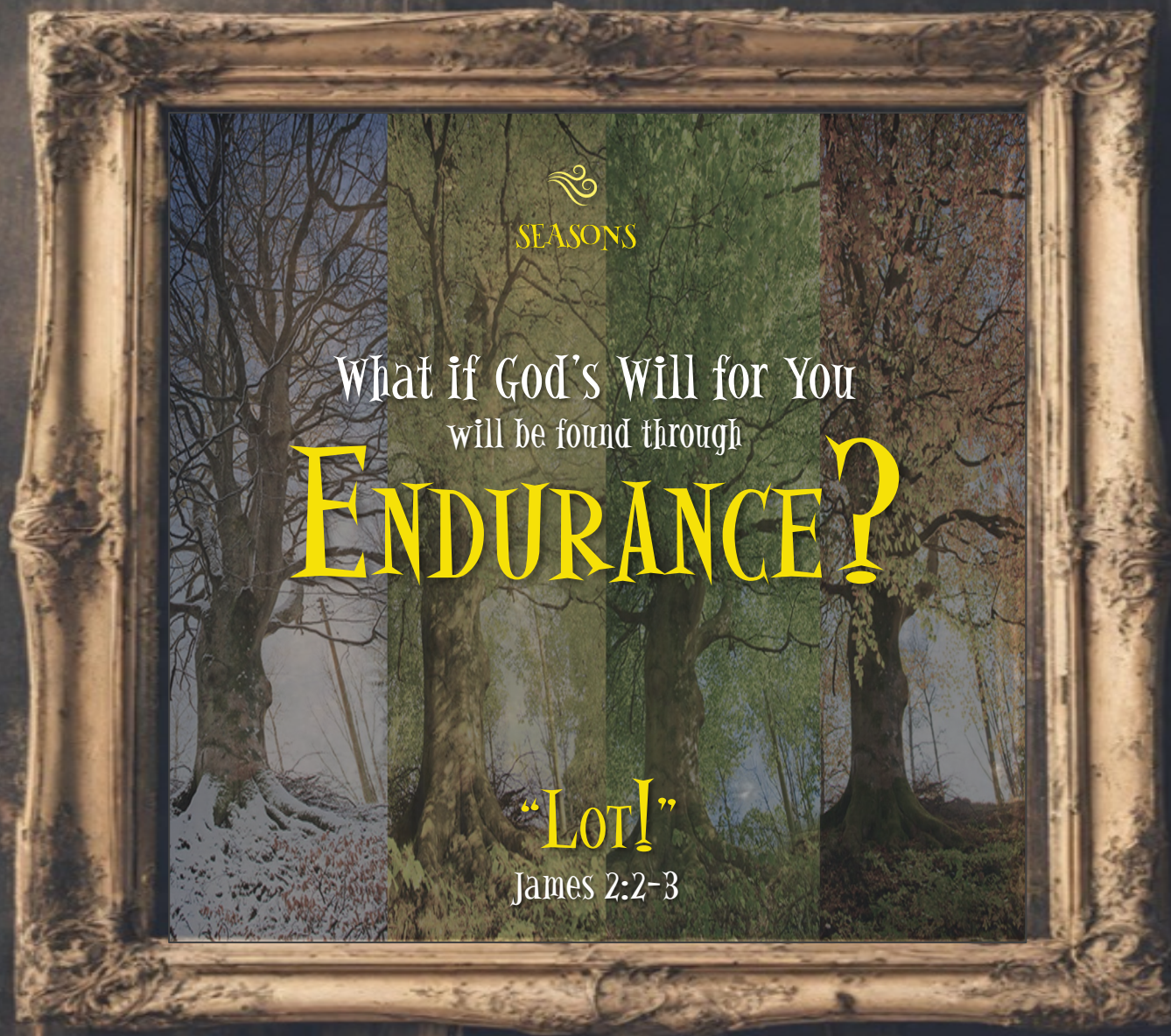
SEASONS

“LOT!”

In Life

“Count it all joy
brothers when
encountering trials
of various kinds.
For you know that
the testing of your faith
produces endurance.”

James 2:2-3



SEASONS

What if God's Will for You
will be found through

ENDURANCE?

“Lot!”

James 2:2-3

Lifetime

Of

Troubles





SEASONS

“LET!”

My Words

“Let no corrupt talk
come out of your mouth,
but only such as good
for building up,
as it fits the occasion,
that it may give grace
to those who hear.”

Ephesians 4:29



SEASONS

What if God's Will for You
will be found through

PRUDENCE?

"LET!"

Ephesians 4:29

Leaders

Edify

Thoughtfully



SEASONS

“GET!”

“Not that I speak
from want,
for I have learned
to be content
in whatever
circumstance I am.

Philippians 4:11-12



SEASONS

What if God's Will for You
will be found through

CONTENTMENT?

"GET!"

Philippians 4:11-12

GratITUDE

Enhances

Treasure



SEASONS

“SHADOW!”

“Join One
another in
following
my example.”

Philippians 3:17



SEASONS

What if God's Will for You
will be found through

REFLECTION?

"Tis!"

Acts 20:26-35

Shared the Gospel

"I am innocent of the blood of all."

Held to the Truth

"I declared the whole counsel."

Alerted you of Dangers

"Fierce wolves will come in among you."

Demonstrated Hard Work

"I have shown you that working hard."

Offered my Support

"It is better to give than to receive."

Willingly Surrendered You

"I now commend you to God."

A framed scene of a gravestone in a cemetery. The gravestone is dark grey with a decorative arch at the top. Above the arch, the word "SEASONS" is written in a small, gold, serif font. Overlaid on the gravestone in large, bold, yellow, serif capital letters is the word "DASH!". The scene is framed by a thick, ornate, gold-colored frame. The background shows a cemetery with other gravestones and greenery.

SEASONS
“DASH!”

“I think it right,
as long as I’m
in this body,
to stir you up by
way of reminder.”

2 Peter 1:13



SEASONS

What if God's Will for You
will be found through

REMEMBRANCE?

“DASH!”
2 Peter 1:13

Determined

Action

Steps will

Harken back!



SEASONS

“SCHEMES!”

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”

Ephesians 6:11



Spiritual

Cosmic

Heavenly

Establishments

Manipulating

Evil

Schemes



SEASONS

“KEEP!”
His Commands

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16



SEASONS

What if God's Will for You
will be found through

SUBMISSION?

"KEEP!"

Hebrews 4:16

Knowable

Eternal

Empathetic

Person



SEASONS

Everything

“GOOD!”

Whatever is true,
Whatever is honorable,
Whatever is just,
Whatever is pure,
Whatever is lovely
Whatever is commendable
Whatever is worthy of praise
“Think on these things!”

Philippians 4:8



SEASONS

What if God's Will for You
will be found through

CONSIDERATION?

"GOOD!"

Philippians 4:8

GLORIFY God with this?

OBEY Scripture with this?

OVERCOME Evil with this?

DWELL On Good with this?



SEASONS

Sweet

“AROMA!”

And walk in love,
As Christ loved us and
gave himself up for us,
a **fragrant offering**
and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2



SEASONS

What if God's Will for You
will be found through

SACRIFICE?

"AROMA!"

2 Corinthians 2:15-17

All of it Aroma

Righteous Requirement Aroma

Obedient Aroma

Memorial Aroma

As Christ Aroma



SEASONS

“REAP!”

“Let us not become
weary in doing good,
for at the proper
time we will
REAP a harvest
if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:9



SEASONS

What if God's Will for You
will be found through

PERSEVERANCE?

"REAP!"

Ephesians 5:2

Release Control

Expect Rewards

Anticipate Harvest

Persist Patiently



SEASONS

IN THE

“End!”

“Strive to
enter through
the narrow door.
For many, I tell
you, will seek to
enter and will not
be able.”

Luke 13:24



SEASONS

What if God's Will for You
will be found through

SALVATION?

"END!"

Luke 13:24

Enter the

Narrow

Door



What is
God's will
for me in this
Season of Life?