
PSALMS | AMEN Bible Study 2018-19

Looking Back and Looking Forward in Old Age

Psalm 71

March 14th, 2019

Intro/Background

The Insecurities of Age (v.1-3)

The “Long View” – A view of a life with God, from old age:

Past (vs. 5, 6, 17)

Psalm 22:9,10 Jeremiah 1:5

“We are chosen out of the feckless stream of circumstantiality for something important that God is doing.” (Eugene Peterson)

Present (vs. 5a, 14a)

The ground of all hope is God and His promises

(9,12,18) – “Do not cast me away when I am old”

Psalm 92:12—15 – The still bear fruit in old age”

(186) Old age has a missional purpose

“Another generation”

Future (20-24) You never stop praising God – Worship

2 Cor. 4:16-18 – We’re not getting older, were getting newer

Discussion Questions

1. Ps. 71:5 – What kinds of things does our culture hold up as things to value and to place one’s hope in as we grow older?
2. Ps. 71:6, 17 – What was your experience of God at the early part of your life?
When did you truly come to trust Him?
3. How do you see the church valuing the missional purpose of elder adults?
4. What are some of the best ways for elder adults to speak into younger generations?
5. Consider the truths of these passages as they speak to aging Christians: Ps. 90, Ps. 92:12-15, 2 Cor. 4:16-18