



STRIVING

AFTER
WHAT
MATTERS

Three R's of Conservation

Reduce

Reuse

Recycle



Three R's of Education



Three R's of Conservation

Reading

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The Three R's

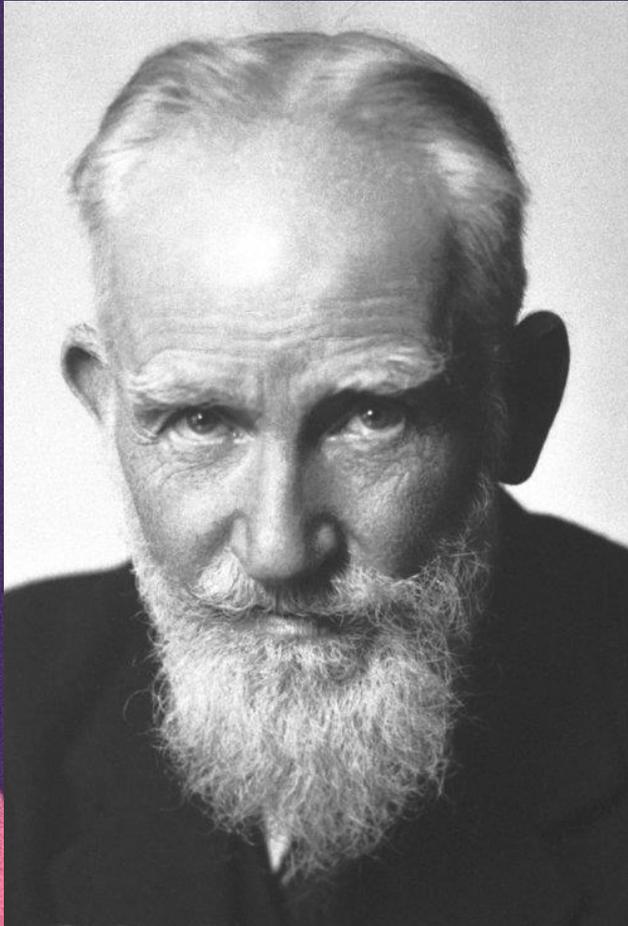
Believers are able to strive
for what matters as they
rejoice, remove, and
remember.

The Three R's

Ecclesiastes 11:9

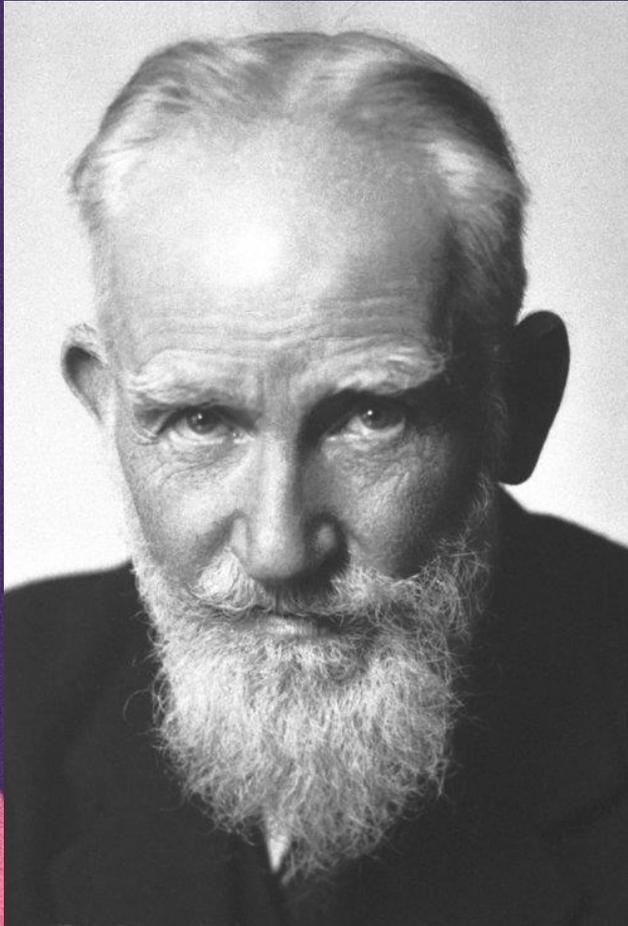


George Bernard Shaw



“Youth is wasted on
the young.”

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“Youth is the most beautiful thing in this world—and what a pity that it has to be wasted on children!”

⁹Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.



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Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

Philippians 4:4

¹⁰Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.



Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19:21

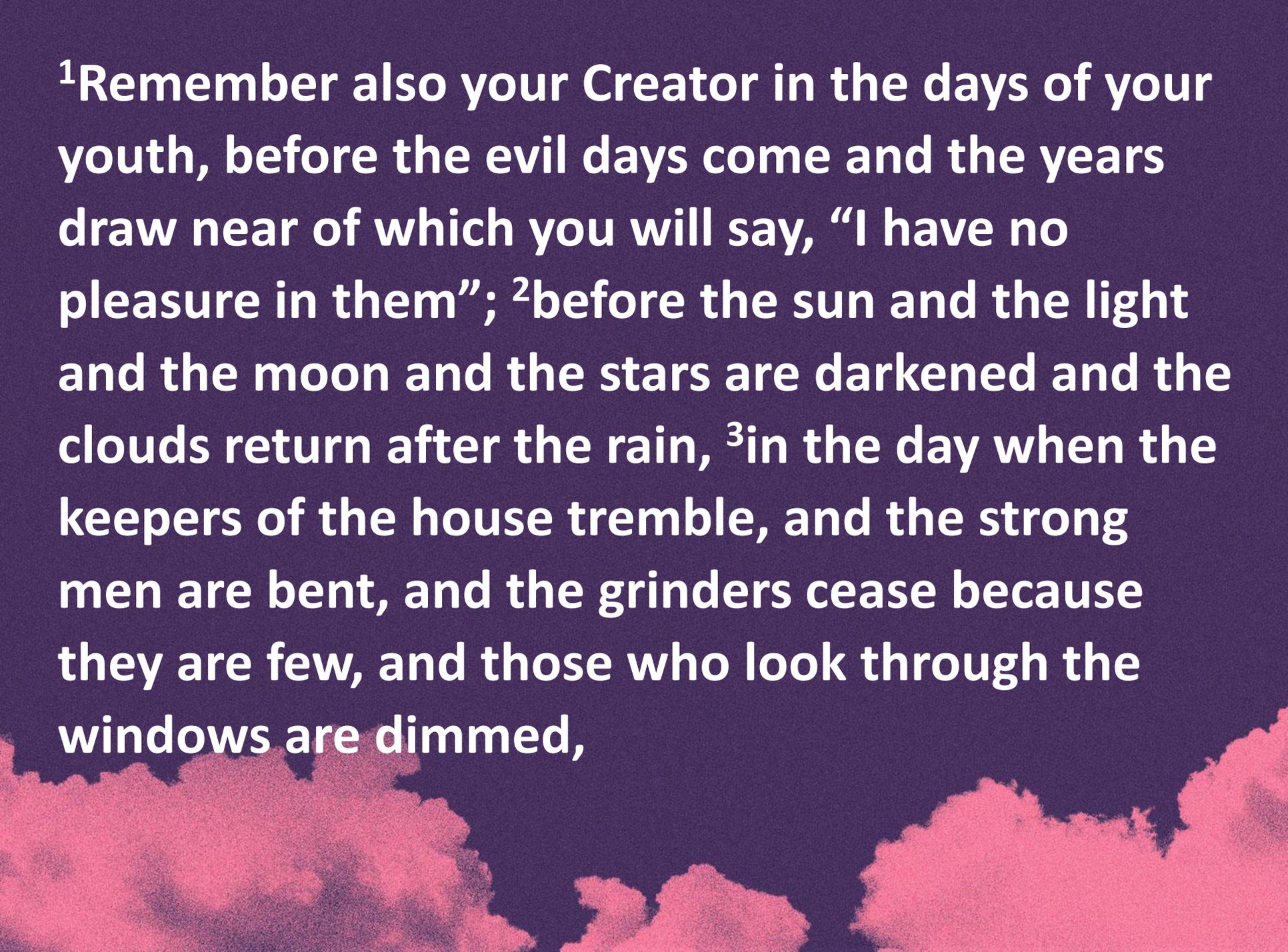
19Wisdom gives strength to the wise man more than ten rulers who are in a city.

20Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

21Do not take to heart all the things that people say, lest you hear your servant cursing you.

22Your heart knows that many times you yourself have cursed others.

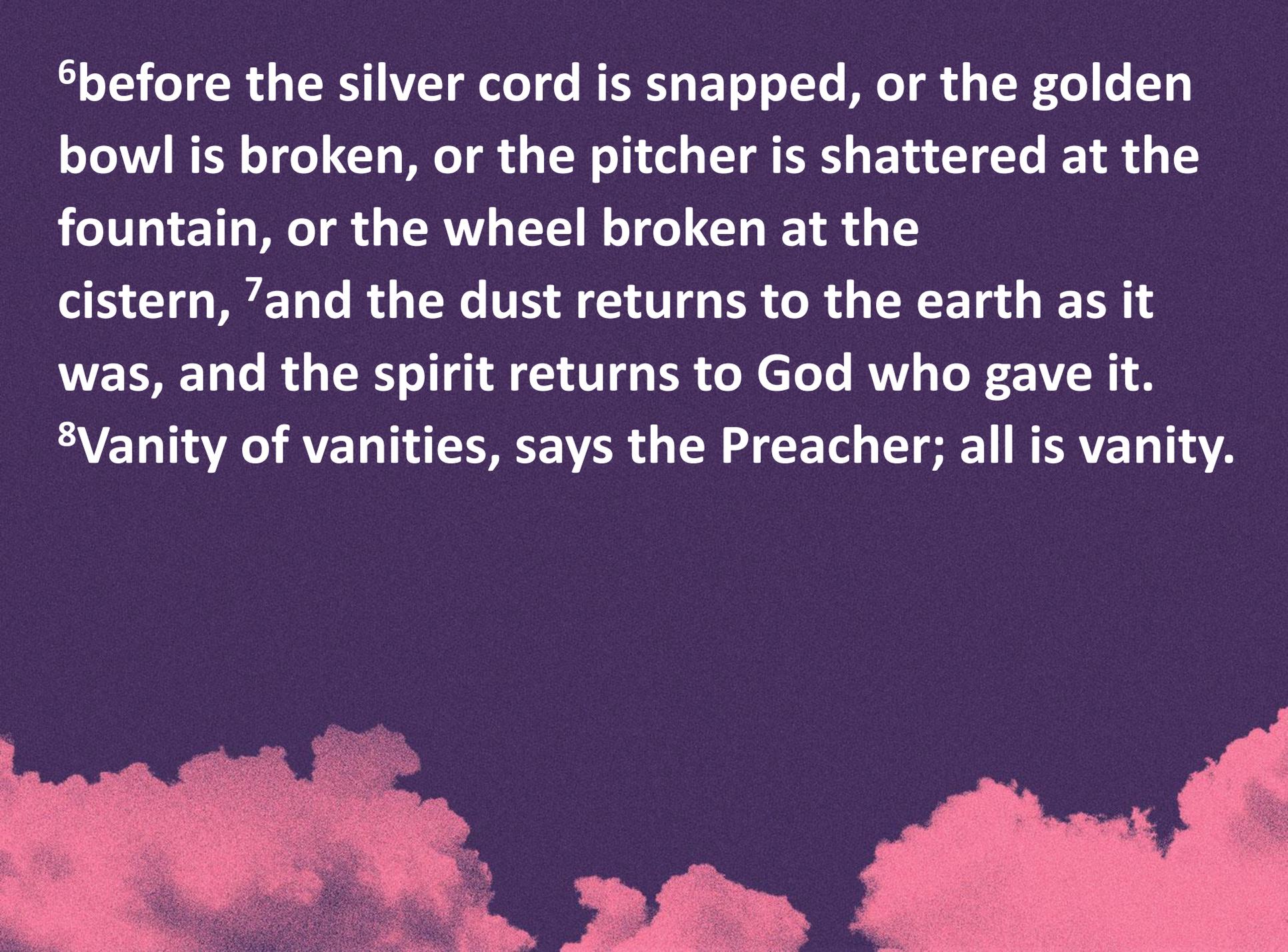
¹Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, “I have no pleasure in them”; ²before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, ³in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed,



⁴and the doors on the street are shut—when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low— ⁵they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets— ...



⁶before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, ⁷and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. ⁸Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.



**During this time of reflection,
please consider this question:**

**Which of these three R's
deserves your attention this
week?**