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A grayscale photograph of a lone, gnarled tree standing in a vast, misty landscape. The tree's branches are sparse and appear to be blowing in the wind. The ground is flat and covered in low-lying vegetation, all shrouded in a thick, white mist that obscures the horizon. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Remembering Our Creator

Ecclesiastes 11:7-8 (ESV)

⁷ Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun. ⁸ So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

Ecclesiastes 11:9 (ESV)

⁹ Rejoice, 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. ¹⁰ Remove vexation from your

A lone, gnarled tree stands in a misty, desolate landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its branches reaching out against a pale, overcast sky. The ground is flat and appears to be covered in low-lying vegetation or grass, all shrouded in a thick mist or fog that obscures the horizon. The overall mood is one of isolation and melancholy.

Ecclesiastes 11:9 (ESV)

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

A grayscale photograph of a lone, gnarled tree standing in a misty, open landscape. The tree's branches are sparse and reach out to the right. The ground is flat and covered in low-lying vegetation, all shrouded in a thick, white mist that obscures the background. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

**Life is good. Enjoy it wisely
while it lasts.**

Ecclesiastes 12:1 (ESV)

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”;

A grayscale photograph of a lone, wind-swept tree in a desolate, hazy landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its branches leaning to the right. The ground is flat and barren, and the background is a misty, overcast sky. The overall mood is one of isolation and decay.

Everything decays—including you.

Ecclesiastes 12:2-5 (ESV)

² before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, ³ in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and

Ecclesiastes 12:2-5 (ESV)

those who look through the windows are dimmed,⁴ and 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—⁵ they are afraid also of

Ecclesiastes 12:2-5 (ESV)

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—

A lone, gnarled tree stands in a desolate, foggy landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its branches reaching out to the right. The ground is flat and appears to be covered in a layer of mist or fog, creating a somber and eerie atmosphere. The overall scene is monochromatic, with shades of gray and white, emphasizing the theme of decay and death.

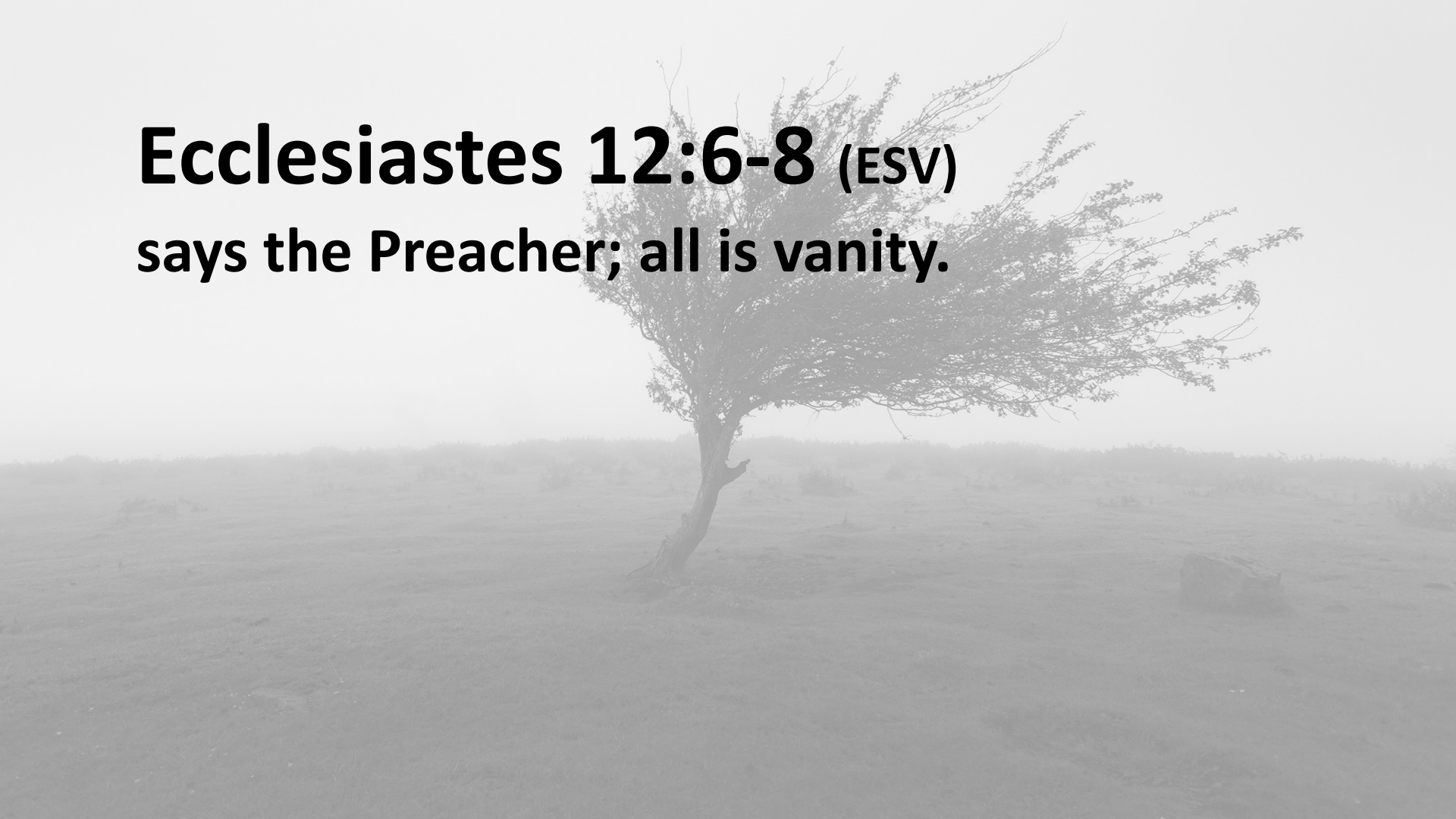
**Decay will haunt you long
before death catches you.**

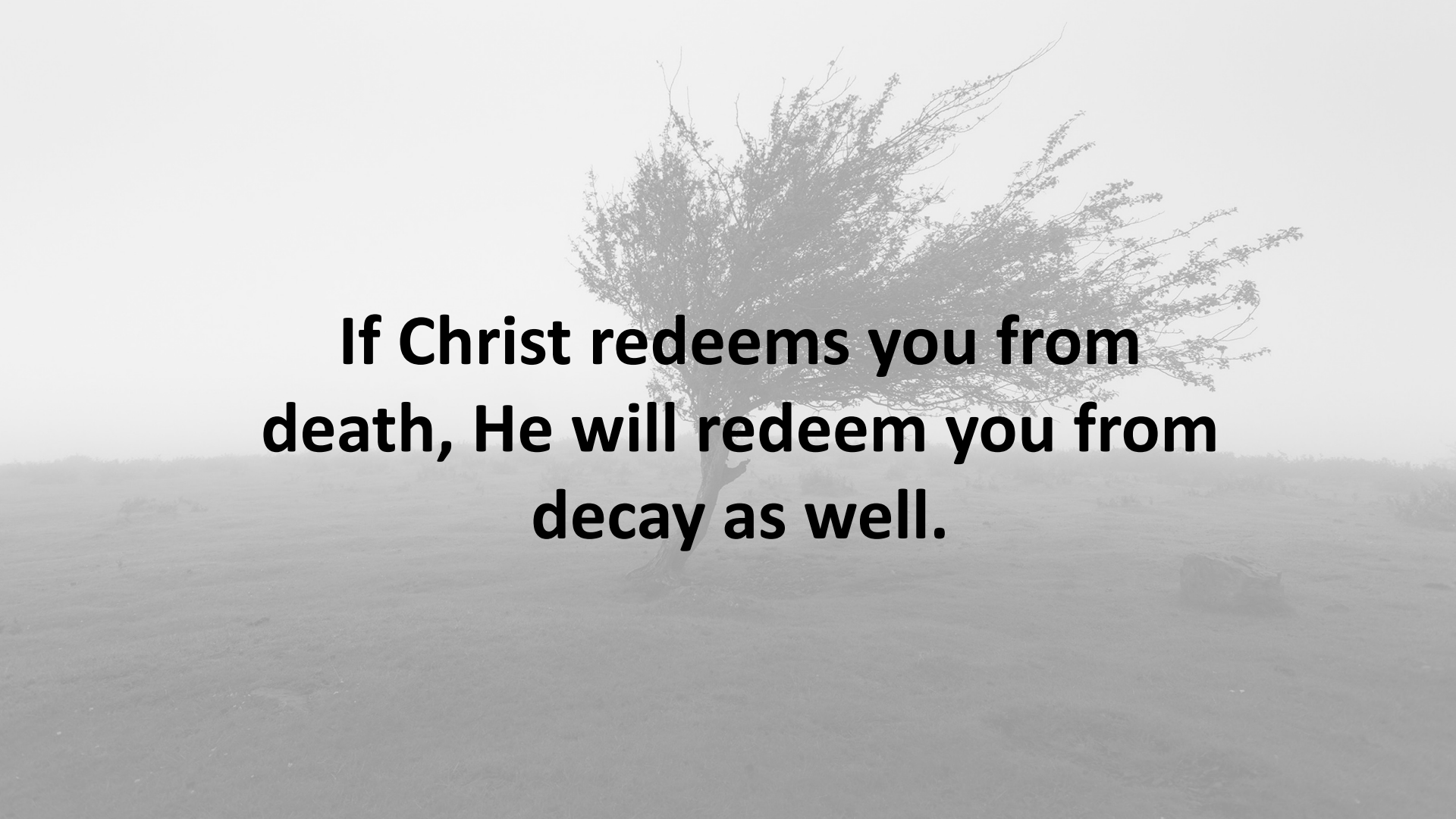
Ecclesiastes 12:6-8 (ESV)

⁶ before 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, ⁷ and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. ⁸ Vanity of vanities,

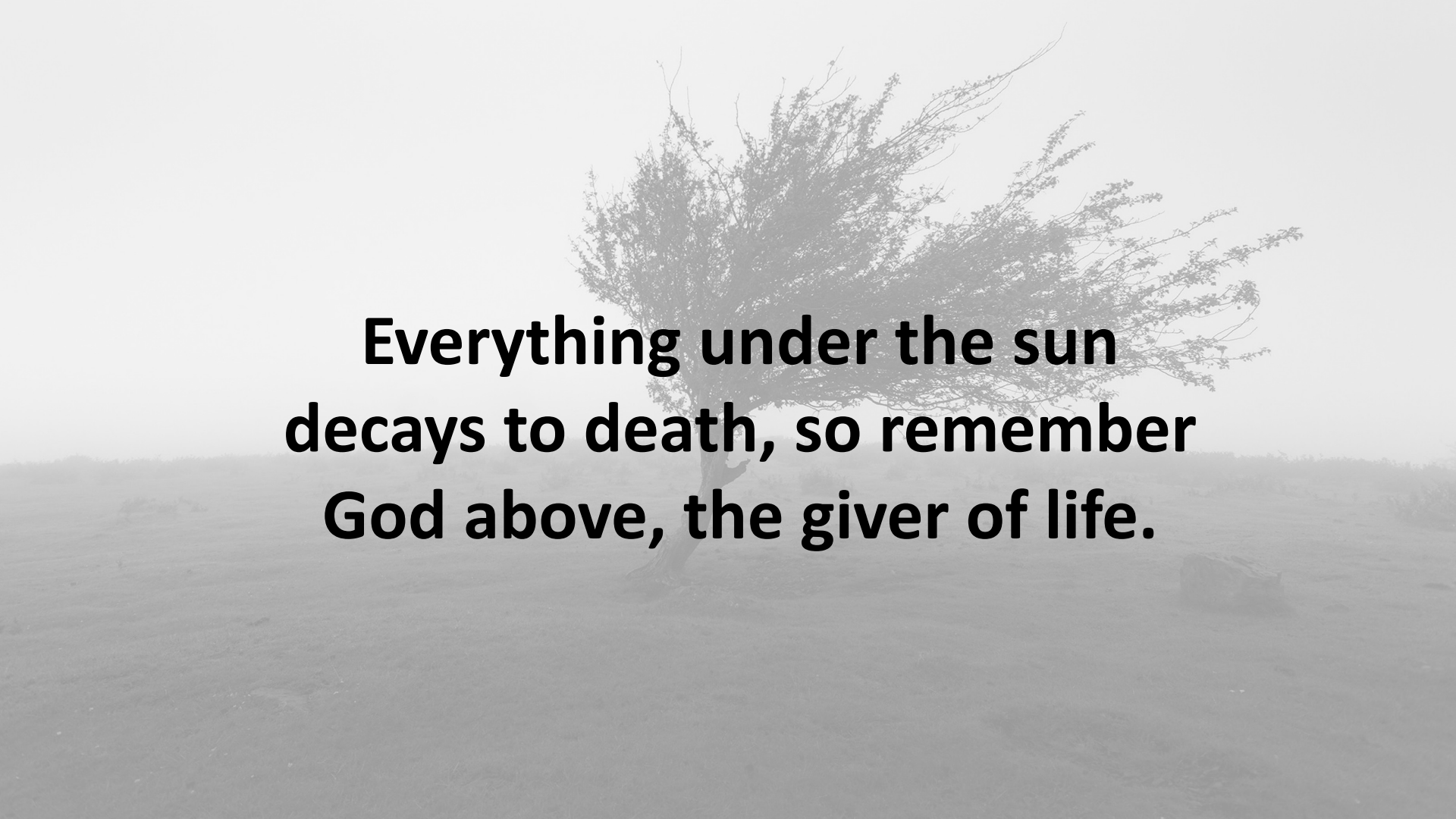
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says the Preacher; all is vanity.





**If Christ redeems you from
death, He will redeem you from
decay as well.**

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**Everything under the sun
decays to death, so remember
God above, the giver of life.**

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