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"He delights in mercy" (Micah 7:18)

How Old?

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Have you ever heard of Methuselah? He was mentioned in Genesis 5. His claim to fame is rather unique and extraordinary. He was the oldest man on record who ever lived. The Bible says he lived 969 years! What an accomplishment! Or was it?

As you look at the text, you will also learn that Methuselah died in the year of the Noaic flood, *implying that he was not a righteous man. Isn't that a shame? All we know Methuselah for was that he lived a long time.

Let me ask you a question. Which is more important to you, the quantity of your life or the quality of your life. Yes, Methuselah lived a long time, but 969 years pales in comparison to eternity! Give it some thought.

*According to chronological record given in Genesis 5, Methuselah died in the year of the flood. Could he had died a day, week, or month, before the flood? Yes, but that doesn't spare him from being numbered among the wicked. According to the text, Noah and his family alone found grace in the eyes of the Lord.