

Introduction: Someone has said that you know you are getting old when...

- You reach the top of the ladder and find it leaning against the wrong wall.
 - A fortune teller offers to read your face rather than the lines in your hand.
- (You have too much room in the house and not enough in the medicine cabinet.

Actually, age is a relative matter. David Jordan has said that the world stands aside to let anyone pass who knows where he is going. This applies to those, who learn where they are going late in life as well as for the young. At age 53, Margaret Thatcher became Britain's first female prime minister.

At 65, Winston Churchill became British prime minister for the first time and started the epic struggle against Hitler.

At 72, Golda Meir became prime minister of Israel.

At 75, Ed Delano of California bicycled 3100 miles in 33 days to attend his 50th college reunion in Worcester, Massachusetts.

At 81, Benjamin Franklin skillfully mediated between disagreeing factions at the U.S. Constitutional Convention.

At 96, George C. Selbach scored a 110-yard hole-in-one at Indian River, Michigan.

And on his 100th birthday, ragtime pianist Eubie Blake exclaimed, "If I'd known I was going to live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself."

The implications of an aging America: Americans are living longer than ever before. More than 87 million Americans will be over 65 by the year 2040, according to the *National Institute of Aging*. Today the over-65 group accounts for about 30 million people. Here are a few developments to keep in mind:

1) Life expectancy. About 200 years ago the average life expectancy in America was 35 years. A child born today can expect to live to be at least 80 years. In a short 200 years the average life expectancy has more than doubled. *The National Institute on Aging* projects that in 2040 the average life expectancy will be 86 years for men and 92 years for women.

2) The senior explosion. The over 65 group is 20% of the total population.

Political muscle of seniors. *The American Association of Retired Persons* (AARP) now has over 40 million members. "Age Wave" author Ken Dychtwald notes that if AARP were to become an independent nation, it would be the 13th largest nation in the world.

The Lord Never Fails

Text - Psalm 71

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Our Position In The Lord—The Ground Of Our Salvation

- A. Refuge - vs. 7 vs. 1-8 TROUBLES
- B. Rescuer - vs. 4 "Deliver"
- C. Righteousness - vs. 2
- D. Rock - vs. 3
- F. Ruler - *Our King of Kings & Lord of Lords* vs. 5 "Lord God" vs. 4 - "my God" vs. 1 - "LORD"

II. Our Plea To The Lord—The Grace In Our Salvation

- A. The Fear he was Feeling vs. 6-13 TRUST
- B. The Foes he was Facing *Not just people - Physical Foes, Financial Foes, Emotional Foes*
- C. The Faith on which he was Focusing *Keep Your Eyes on Jesus - Heb. 12:1-2*

III. Our Praise For The Lord—The Glory For Our Salvation

- A. Praise For the Lord vs. 14-24 "older and critical"
- B. Praise With the Lord TESTIMONY
- C. Praise To the Lord we don't want the world to change!

Conclusion