

“The Best is Yet to Come”

Rom. 8:18-25

Knowing Him and Making Him Known

Romans 8:18 says, “That the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” If we were capable of placing our present circumstances on one side of the scale and the glory that is to be revealed to us on the other, we would see how the future will swallow up our present difficulties.

Romans 8:25 says we are “waiting eagerly” for it. This word is used six times in the New Testament and it is always with reference to the arrival of Christ and its attending consequences (Rom. 8:19, 23, 25, 1 Cor. 1:7, Gal. 5:5, Phil. 3:20, Heb. 9:28).

That which awaits us is glorious. There is nothing that can compare with it. Everything in contrast to that day pales against it.

I. We will hear “well done, good and faithful slave,” and we will enter into the joy of our master (Matt. 25:23).

We have misconstrued this passage. We see this as a threat instead of a blessing. We use it as a club to motivate instead of a blessing to receive. How tragic!

Friend, you will never be good enough to merit what God has provided. Everyone around you tells you that you have to try harder, look thinner, be wealthier, act smarter, then and only then will they accept you. God says, “I have already accepted you in My Son,” there is nothing more for you to do, it has been done.

A. What awaits us is “much better” (Phil. 1:23).

B. It is not a day of punishment, but of confidence (1 John 4:17, 18).

C. It is a day when we will receive our praise from God (1 Cor. 4:5).

1. We will be without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thess. 5:23, 24).
2. We will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is (1 John 3:2).
3. We will lose our sin nature and the consequences of it (Rev. 21:4).

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II. We will occupy the dwelling place prepared for us by Jesus Christ (John 14:1-3).

III. We will be at home with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8).

IV. We will join an innumerable host of people who have preceded us in death (1 Thess. 4:17).

V. We will receive the inheritance secured for us by the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:17, Rev. 21:7).