



Pastor's Comments

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What God Has Prepared

Last Sunday morning I preached from Isaiah 64:4, "***For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.***"

The future glories that God has prepared for us exceed our full comprehension, but if we are willing to wait by faith for His best we will enjoy that which is beyond our imagination! In Psalm 31:19 we read, "***Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee!***"

We need to focus on what God has prepared for us in this life. Joseph was not detoured by the temptation of enjoying a few temporary moments of sinful pleasure because he was looking forward to what God had revealed to him. He was willing to wait for what God had "***prepared for him***" unlike many youth who will not wait for the good things God has for them. They are like Esau who lacked a concept of the value of what was prepared for him when he "***despised his birthright***" (Genesis 25:34) not seeing the future importance of it—trading it for just temporary pleasure! He, like so many youth, lacked the faith and focus of Moses. "***By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused...to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season...for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward***" (Heb. 11:24-26).

We need to focus on the eternal things God has prepared for us like Abraham who by faith "***looked for a city...whose builder and maker is God***" (Heb. 11:10). The saints of the ages "***all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth...wherefore God...hath prepared for them a city***" (Heb. 11:13). Jesus stated, "***In my Father's house are many mansions...I go to prepare a place for you***" (John 14:2). Are you maintaining a focus on what God has prepared for you?

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