Seek Higher Things

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INTRODUCTION

- Most people think about the meaning of life. What does all this mean? What does my existence here mean?
- Jesus, at the resurrection of Lazarus, says, everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?
- I want to talk to you this morning about the quest for life and the quest for answers, and that we need to seek. And what we need to seek is higher things.

1 The Search of Solomon

Ecclesiastes 2:1–11; Luke 12:15

- I said to myself, come now. I will test you with pleasure. So enjoy yourself. And behold, it too was futility.
- And all that my eyes desired, I did not refuse them.
- Thus I considered all my activities which my hands had done, and the labor which I had exerted. And behold, all was vanity and striving after wind.
- It's only when you look above the sun and include him that all of this begins to make sense.
- If you exclude God from your life and thinking, if he doesn't affect your pursuits in life, this experiment still fails.
- That's sin's offer. It promises what it cannot deliver.

2 The Ultimate Wisdom of Scripture

Colossians 3:1–4; 1 Timothy 6:17–19; Proverbs 8:32–36

- We're going to have to search in the ultimate wisdom that's ever been revealed. The wisdom of Scripture.
- You keep seeking the things above. Where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- Set your mind on the things above and not on the things of this earth.
- For he who finds me, finds life and obtains favor from the Lord. But he who sins against me injures himself. And all those who hate me love death.
- You're the only one that can set your affections on things above.

3 The Supremacy of Faith

1 Corinthians 3:21–23; 1 Peter 1:4; Psalm 107:8–12

- The course of faith is the most elevated course in life.
- If you make the decision to become a Christian, your life is immediately elevated. Higher things.

- Once you are baptized into Christ and raised up with him, you'll not have any more money than you had before you were baptized.
- But I'll tell you what you will have. You'll have everything that matters. All things belong to you. And you belong to God.
- For he has satisfied the thirsty soul. And the hungry soul he has filled with what is good.
- When you live life without God, when you stumble, there's none to help.

4 The Quest for Legacy

Acts 11:22–26

- A lot of people want to think their life counted for something. How can you make your life count for something?
- Number one, the things you say to people can make a difference.
- Barnabas encouraged them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord.
- Don't tell me that your words can't make a difference in people's life.
- One of the great things that could be said about you in your life is that you encouraged other people to do the right thing and go to heaven.
- We need to value each assembly, each occasion of teaching, each prayer that we pray together. Because it's about legacy. It's about seeking higher things.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you going to seek higher things as you do all those other things? Realizing that all that's here is temporary and that God's things are eternal.

MY NOTES