Where Are They Now?

Tony Mauck · Hebrews 11:34–38

INTRODUCTION

- Our life is like a vapor that appears for a short time and then vanishes away.
- We must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the things done in our body, whether those things be good or bad.

1 The Righteous Can Live in Less Than Desirable Circumstances

Hebrews 11:34–38

- The righteous can sometimes live in less than desirable circumstances. Earthly fortunes can turn sour in a moment.
- Let's not overglorify too much the circumstances of these men and women of faith.
- Men of whom the world was not worthy. Wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

2 Moses and Elijah: Everything Wasn't Glorious

Acts 7; Exodus 2:15; 1 Kings 19:10

- Two great heroes of faith in the Old Testament, Moses and Elijah. There were some glorious moments in the lives of each.
- He sat down by a well in Midian. What a moment of despair that was. Dejection. Rejection.
- There's the constant complaining and murmuring of the people, the rejection of his leadership.
- God comforts him and says, I have 7,000 who have not yet bowed the knee to Baal.

3 Where Are They Now? They Are in Glory

Luke 9:29–32; Acts 12; John 21

- Two men were talking with him. And they were Moses and Elijah, who appearing in glory, were speaking of Jesus' departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.
- The transfiguration scene suggests that less than favorable circumstances for Moses and Elijah have now eventuated in glory.
- Was it all worth it to stick it out in faith?
- Because where are they now? They are in glory. The glory is worth the difficulty.
- Do not cling to comfort here at all costs. Arrange your heart and your deeds for the ultimate comfort that is coming.

4 Jesus Left Glory, But Where Is He Now?

Philippians 2:5; John 1:11; John 17

- Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ.

- He leaves glory and comes to earth and lives in that despised little town of Nazareth.
- He came to his own, and his own received him not. He is accused of being a blasphemer, a wine bibber.
- But now he has a name that is above every name. And that at his name every knee should bow and tongues should confess that he is Lord.

5 We Are Citizens of Another Place

Matthew 24:12–13; Philippians 3:18–21

- The problem with us is that we sometimes don't survive the difficulties.
- In those times we need to recall something. That we are citizens of another place. That glory is awaiting us.
- Those who have once set their affections on heavenly things have now become allured again by the world.
- Our citizenship is in heaven. From which we eagerly wait. And that's the hard part. Moses and Elijah had to do that. Job had to do that.

6 Persevere unto Glory

Acts 16; 1 Timothy 3:15; Revelation 3:12

- If we're going to make it to glory, as those other examples of faith did, we're going to have to learn.
- The happiest of people do not necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the most of everything that comes their way.
- How valuable is it to know the truth that saves your soul when so many don't possess that truth and the hope of eternal life?
- I think of Paul and Silas in prison in Acts 16. What are they doing? Singing hymns to God.

THE CHALLENGE

Stay the Course, brothers and sisters. Don't falter in the good fight of faith. Be strong. And we shall have heaven.

MY NOTES