

THE END OF LIFE'S JOURNEY

INTRODUCTION

I. Song: IF WE NEVER MEET A GAIN

A. 1st Stanza: "Soon we'll come to the end of life's journey.

B. Taking a look at life's Journey.

II. Learn: (1) Life is a Journey. (2) It must be traveled properly. (3) The Journey will end.

(4) We must be ready for it to end.

DISCUSSION

I. LOOKING AT THE PAST (Life is a Journey)

A. VANITY. Eccl. 1:1-11

1. Passed so quickly. Psa. 90:9f; Jas. 4:14

2. Realization of a special appointment awaiting. Heb. 9:27

B. WORTHWHILE.

1. Influence for good. Matt. 5:16

2. Good accomplished. Acts 20:38; 1 John 3:17, 18

3. Service to God. 1 Cor. 15:58

4. Obeyed God. Mark 16:15-16; Heb. 5:8-9

5. Eternal hope. Tit. 1:2; Col. 1:27, 5

II. LOOKING AT THE PRESENT. (It must be traveled)

A. Enjoyment of families of families.

1. Physical families—the home.

2. Spiritual families—the church.

B. Thoughts of the family.

1. Trust they are prepared to follow.

2. Trust they can carry on as well or better than we did.

3. Hurt of leaving ones who are lost.

C. Thoughts of death and eternity at the end of the road. Heb. 2:15; Psa. 33:1-6

III. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE. (The journey will end)

A. Anticipation of the church.

1. Stay true to the WORD of God.

2. Grow—numerically and spiritually.

3. Going to God. 1 Cor. 15:23-24

B. Anticipation of living in heaven. 2 Tim. 4:6-8

C. Anticipation of being reunited with loved ones. 1 Thess. 4:13-18

1. Who have gone before.

2. Who will come afterward.

IV. THE END OF THE JOURNEY. (It will come to an end).

CONCLUSION

A. Am I nearer to heaven today?

O the yesterday's moments for pleasure or woe, have been stealthily carried away;

I am nearer the valley of shadows, I know—I am nearer to heaven today?

I am nearer the time for the breaking of ties, That are holding my loved ones to me; I am nearer the time for my latest good-byes—Am I nearer, O Father to Thee?

I am nearer the close of my labor below, I am nearer the end of my way; I am nearer the edge of the valley, I know—Am I nearer to heaven today? (Jessie B. Pounds)

B. if you re not prepared to Die---

DON'T ride or get in the way of automobiles, as they are the cause of over 20% of all accidents.

DON'T stay at home, s over 17% of ll accidents happens inside the home. If you must be at home, stay outside, because only 8.5% of all accidents occur around the outside of the house.

DON'T walk on the street if you can avoid it, as 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.

DON'T indulge sports or recreation under any circumstances , for nearly all accidents result from this cause.

DON'T do anything or go anywhere, for the remaining 14% are miscellaneous accidents.

Being saved you will be prepared to die anywhere, anytime!

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