

PPT - Keep Looking Forward Part 2
Sunday, August 7, 2022
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Luke 17:32 Remember Lot's wife! 33 Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

Hebrews 12:1-2 "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Keep Looking forward. Keep looking to Jesus.

Wednesday, July 20, 2022 – thoughts from the Lord in my morning prayer and study.

Keep looking forward, don't look back at how things were but look to me I am the author and finisher of your faith. I will tell you what I am doing right now in your life and in My Church. In this season, you have the wind of my Spirit moving you forward. Don't look back. Keep moving forward. Keep your hands on the plow.

Those in the Kingdom of darkness are legislating their own laws and setting up their kingdom, but it will fail, it cannot stand, and it cannot endure. Their imaginations are running wild and their desires for wealth and power and pleasure have blinded them. They have gone mad.

They call the evil works of darkness good and good evil. When you see their destruction do not rejoice in their calamity but rejoice in my faithfulness to save my righteous people, out of the hands of the enemy and their unjust schemes. Soon they will receive their reward.

When you come together look to me for help and strength. The problems of life will continue as long as you are in this world. But rejoice that I have overcome the world. Open your heart to me and what I am doing right now. You are free to worship me and live for me. You are my shining lights in the darkness. Be about your Father's business for the night is coming when no man can work. My kingdom is established right here and right now and my Kingdom is advancing. Keep looking forward.

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From the MSG Bible Romans 1:26-32

Refusing to know God, they soon didn't know how to be human either—women didn't know how to be women, men didn't know how to be men. Sexually confused, they abused and defiled

one another, women with women, men with men—all lust, no love. And then they paid for it, oh, how they paid for it—emptied of God and love, godless and loveless wretches.

Since they didn't bother to acknowledge God, God quit bothering them and let them run loose. [reprobate or debased mind]. And then all hell broke loose: rampant evil, grabbing and grasping, vicious backstabbing. They made life hell on earth with their envy, wanton killing, bickering, and cheating. Look at them: mean-spirited, venomous, fork-tongued God-bashers. Bullies, swaggers, insufferable windbags!

They keep inventing new ways of wrecking lives. They ditch their parents when they get in the way. Stupid, slimy, cruel, cold-blooded. And it's not as if they don't know better. They know perfectly well they're spitting in God's face. And they don't care—worse, they hand out prizes to those who do the worst things best!

- God gave them up to vile passions and God gave them up to uncleanness.

Reprobate = depraved, unprincipled, or wicked person. A person rejected by God and beyond hope of salvation.

Debased – G96 = unapproved, rejected, worthless, reprobate. Undiscerning, void of judgement, a mind to be abhorred by God and man. Deceitful, false, mean, ignoble, one not bearing the mark, miserable, cast away, useless, inefficient.

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Isaiah 5:20 “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness...”

Jamison Fausset Commentary – The 4th Woe—against those who confound the distinctions of right and wrong (compare Romans 1:28 “And because they did not think it worthwhile to acknowledge God, God delivered them over to a worthless mind to do what is morally wrong.), “reprobate,” Greek, “undiscriminating: the moral perception darkened.”

Revelation 22:12-15 “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.” Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.”

Weapons of War – Dr. Bill Hamon

At some point, when God's saints are waging their battle as His army and are establishing His Kingdom on earth, Jesus will arise from His seat at the right hand of the Father. He will leap forth with His sword in His hand and give a shout that rings out to the ends of the universe and all over planet earth. He will shout, "Satan, your time is up! Angel of death, your power over My Church is canceled and destroyed." He will have His archangel sound the trumpet of the Lord as He shouts to His Church: "Delay shall not be one minute longer, for it is time for your final redemption and victory over death!" As He is shouting this, He will descend from heaven faster than the speed of light, bringing with Him all the saints who have lost their bodies to death. As He comes into earth's atmosphere, He will shout again, and in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, all the bodies of those saints will ascend to meet the Lord and be joined with their spirit beings as their bodies become eternally indestructible. Their bodies will never see death again. Then those saints who have been warring against death will finally win when Christ suddenly changes their bodies from mortal to immortal. Every cell in everybody will be changed from corruptible to incorruptible. These saints will meet the Lord in the air, join with saints of all the ages and receive their strategies for finalizing God's purpose for the heavens and the earth.

Hamon, Dr. Bill. God's Weapons of War . Baker Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

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Romans 11:33 "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!"

Depth of the Riches of:

1. The wisdom of God
2. The knowledge of God

1 Peter 1:12..."I preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, which things the angels desire to look into."

- Do you know Jesus?

Past finding out – The Greek word is *anexichniastoi* and it means **cannot be traced**.

- God leaves no prints, nor footsteps behind him.

Job 26:14 – How little a portion is heard of him.

Romans 11:34 Who know the mind of God?

Romans 11:33-36 Have you ever come on anything quite like this extravagant generosity of God, this deep, deep wisdom? It's way over our heads. We'll never figure it out.

Is there anyone around who can explain God?
Anyone smart enough to tell him what to do?
Anyone who has done him such a huge favor that God has to ask his advice?
Everything comes from him;
Everything happens through him;
Everything ends up in him.
Always glory! Always praise!
Yes. Yes. Yes. (MSG)

1 Peter 1:12b preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

Revelation 22:16-17 “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”
And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

John 4:13-14 “Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

Conclusion:

Keep Looking Forward

Invest yourself in God’s Word.

Put yourself in his presence through prayer, worship and serving His people.

Follow God’s commands.

Rev 18:13 made merchandise of the souls of men...