

## HEAVEN HOLDS ALL TO ME

I PETER 1:3-10

## INTRODUCTION

- Pandemic had us all on edge ... and is starting to again
- Living with danger is not new to God's people
- God is still in charge
  - John 14:1 - "believe in God ..."
  - Matthew 6:25-34 - "why are ye anxious ..."

## WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

- We are mortal and physically minded
  - Job 14:1-2 - "of few days ..."
  - James 4:13-15 - "ye are a vapor"
- Jesus shows these fears are unfounded
  - Hebrews 2:10, 14-15 - "fear of death ..."
  - John 14:1 - "believe also in me"

## LOOKING AT LIFE ON GOD'S EARTH

- The example of those before us
  - Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel
  - Hebrews 11:13, 39-40 - "strangers and pilgrims ..."

## LOOKING AT LIFE ON GOD'S EARTH

- Our duty
  - Acknowledge we are sojourners
    - I Peter 1:13-19 - "pass the time of your sojourning ..."
  - We have a better promise
    - I Peter 2:9-11 - "sojourners and pilgrims"
    - Ephesians 2:19 - "no more strangers and sojourners"

## LOOKING BEYOND THIS CREATION

- The example of those before us
  - Hebrews 11:14, 16 - "they desire a better country"
  - Philippians 1:21-23 - "having the desire to depart and be with Christ"

## LOOKING BEYOND THIS CREATION

- Our duty
  - Hebrews 13:12-15 – “we seek after the city ...”
  - II Peter 3:10-13 – “looking for and earnestly desiring ...”

## THE PROMISE

- Hebrews 10:36-39 – “ye may receive the promise”
- A new kingdom and city
  - Matthew 25:31-34 – “the kingdom prepared for you ...”
  - Hebrews 11:16 – “he hath prepared for them a city”

## THE PROMISE

- “A mansion, a robe, and a crown”
- Heaven described in concepts we can understand
  - John 14:1-4 – “In my Father’s house are many mansions”
  - Revelation 6:11 – “to each one a white robe”
  - Revelation 2:10 – “I will give thee the crown of life”

## THE PROMISE

- Rest
  - Hebrews 4:8-11 – “give diligence to enter into that rest”
  - Revelation 14:13 – “rest from their labors”
- Salvation
  - All of this is included in salvation
    - Acts 2:38 – “the remission of your sins”

## CONCLUSION

- The life to come is what we need to:
  - Strive for
  - Hope for
  - Pray for
- I Peter 1:3-10 – “reserved in heaven for you”
- Heaven holds ALL

## “WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?”

- Hear the Word of God
  - Romans 10:1 – “But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach”

### “WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?”

- Believe in that Word
  - Romans 10:11 – “For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be put to shame.”

### “WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?”

- Repent of your sins
  - Acts 3:19 – “Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord”

### “WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?”

- Confess that Jesus is the Son of God
  - I John 4:15 – “Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God.”

### “WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?”

- Be immersed in water (baptized)
  - Acts 2:38 – “Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

### “WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?”

- Remain faithful
  - Hebrews 3:12-14 – “12 Take heed, brethren, lest haply there shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God: 13 but exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called Today; lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin: 14 for we are become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end”