

Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

James 4:10

Store In My Heart

John 20:30-31

Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

The story of Jesus and His ministry was recorded purposely. John tells us that reading of these signs will allow us to believe the message of salvation through the sacrifice of God's Son. Since these proofs verify who is the Christ, they also verify that we can live for eternity when we follow His Word. The story of Jesus and His message of salvation provides all we need to know God wants us to be with Him.

We do not have blind faith. Our faith is built on the proof offered through the recorded Gospel from the inspired eyewitnesses.

He Will See Me Safely Home

Anne Stevens

When I fail to hear the voices blending,
And my arms grow weak that once were strong,
When I no more see the rainbow bending,
And the night be lonely and be long,

When my friends no longer gather 'round me,
And the one I love has passed away,
When those things once simple may confound me,
And my feet may stumble on their way,

'Tho I long to lose this earthly burden,
Shed this tent that ties me here below,
There is One whose help for me is certain,
And my troubles Jesus ever knows.

Let my hands find work of God's own making.
Let my faith in Him be fuller grown.
For each feeble step that I am taking
Takes me one step closer to my Home.

Chorus:

Let me not begrudge my fading vision,
Let me not my youth now gone bemoan,
For the Savior knows the path before me.
Sure and He will see me safely home.

We sang this song at the singing we attended in Alabama last Friday evening. Maybe it was from having spent time with Mom, or maybe it was just remembering several who are on our hearts because they are nearing the end of their



journey here, but these words had a strong affect on me. I know that none of us are promised tomorrow. That was vividly shown by the Thursday evening death of our brother, Sean Cavender, in an automobile collision as he was leaving the Lectureship at Athens Bible School. He was a 36 year old husband and father and had delivered the morning lesson that day. There is no guarantee that any of us will reach a time in life that fits the verses above. Yet these words should give us comfort, strength, and hope.

Jesus has provided a sure and certain path for those who submit to God through His death, burial, and resurrection. When we place our trust in God and the Word He has left to guide us we can be certain of our path to His dwelling place. God did not send His Son to die, and His Word to guide so that we would be worried and concerned about our eternal destiny. What God has given brings us assurance and certainty in the midst of a life full of uncertainty and difficulty. Our responsibility is to simply submit to His Will and let Him guide us. We need to do this while we can so that when we are no longer able to serve due to a lack of strength in our body, we will know that we have done our best for Him. The preacher reminds us of this need in **Ecclesiastes 12:6-7**:

“Remember Him before the silver cord is broken and the golden bowl is crushed, the pitcher by the well is shattered and the wheel at the cistern is crushed; then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.”

Let us always keep God foremost in our heart and mind so that we can enjoy the blessings and guidance that have been assured to those who are His children. *“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”* (**James 4:8**)

For Our Information

John Ragsdale received blood on Wednesday. He has fever and chills and is not doing well. Betty Ragsdale is exhausted.

Sue Soliday has an appointment with a Lymphedema doctor in early August.

Amy Simpson’s Mom and the Laubach’s daughter are both improving and doing well with their recover from surgery.

Dottie Henderson, Dan’s Mom, gets out of breath easily and has little energy. Physical therapy may improve that a little.

Shannon Soliday is visiting his daughter in Indiana this week.

The Rigsby’s are in Wisconsin for a workshop for Marla.

Sunday Evening - **Psalm 6**. Wednesday Evening - **James 4:13**

Keep one another in your prayers each day.

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We want opportunities to speak with others about the Lord.

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