

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

MORNING MESSAGE

"When It Comes Time to Die" – Part 2

2 Timothy 4:6-8

- I. HE LOOKED AT THE PRESENT (v.6)
  - A. Paul was stepping aside – "For I"
    - 1. Joshua 1:1, "Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun"
    - 2. 2 Kings 2:15, "And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha"
  - B. Paul was stepping down – "am now ready to be offered"
    - 1. Philippians 2:17, "If I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all"
  - C. Paul was stepping up – "and the time of my departure is at hand"
    - 1. 2 Timothy 3:1, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times will come"
    - 2. 2 Timothy 4:3, "For time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine"
    - 3. Philippians 1:23, "For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better"
    - 4. Philippians 1:21, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain"
- II. HE LOOKED AT THE PAST (v.7)
  - A. Paul was a fighting soldier – "I have fought a good fight"
  - B. Paul was a finished athlete – "I have finished my course"
    - 1. 1 Corinthians 9:24, "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain"
    - 2. Hebrews 12:1-2, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith"
      - a. "The weight" refers to stuff
      - b. "The sin which doth so easily beset us" refers to sin
      - c. "Looking unto Jesus" refers to staying
  - C. Paul was a faithful prophet – "I have kept the faith"
    - 1. Titus 1:13, "Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith"

2. Jude 3, "it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints"
3. 1 Timothy 6:20, "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust"
4. 2 Timothy 1:14, "That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us"

### III. HE LOOKED AT THE PROSPECTS (v.8)

- A. Paul saw the prize – "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness"
  1. Revelation 4:10, "The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crown before the throne"
- B. Paul saw a Presenter – "which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day"
  1. John 5:22, "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son"
  2. 2 Timothy 4:1, "I charge thee therefore before God, and (even) the Lord Jesus Christ who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom"
  3. Revelation 22:12, "Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be"
- C. Paul saw a possibility – "and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing"
  1. 1 Corinthians 16:22, "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema"