

Our Assurance of Glory
John 17:24-26
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Listen to your spouse. (Proverbs 18:17)

Jesus Passionately Desires Your Presence in Heaven v. 24

What is the final and the greatest request of Jesus?

What does “desire” mean here?

How certain is this prayer request?

How can we describe this future glory?

Jesus wants us to know what true glory is. Why? (2 Corinthians 3:18)

When we look at Jesus, what do we see?

The Sure Foundation of Jesus’ Request v. 25-26

How should it encourage us that Jesus calls God “Righteous Father”?

We see what the world does not. What do we see?

Because we see it, we grow. What causes us to grow?

How can we know the full extent of His love?

An adoption story.

Gazing upon the glory of Christ.

Many of us, I fear, are still dating God.

Portraits of future glory.

Meditation

About Your Grief

Now, one of the strongest instincts of the human soul is the longing to be with those whom you love. Ah, my brethren, need I tell that to you? How many wear the badges of mourning, and draw down those crepe veils over your faces! Do you not know all about the wrench, when death comes and tears away from your embrace those who made the joy of life to you? In your thoughts of your dead, have you never experienced that strange hunger of the heart when you long to bring them back and fold them within the embrace of your affection? As you kneel in your grief by the fresh-made grave, and your thoughts go down into the low and dark abode where they are sleeping, you could with your very fingers scrape away the earth which hides them from your sight, in this longing to hold fellowship with them again!

Well, our divine Redeemer is our Elder Brother, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh; and there in the heavens He feels the pulse of those human affections of which we are so distinctly conscious, and breaks out — I had almost said into the passionate cry, “Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am.”

Let it comfort you when you are called upon to give up your dead, that, if it break your fellowship with them and subject you to this strange hunger of love, you give them up to Jesus, Whom you love more than you love yourself, and Who has the same longing for their presence and society above. When death comes, as His messenger, over the threshold of your home, and says to you, as he touches with his skeleton finger child or parent, or husband or wife, “The Master hath need of them” — “loose them and let them go”; and lay the solace upon your heart that your Friend, Who has redeemed both you and them, is longing for their society above. If they part from you, it is only that they may be folded within His arms and lay their aching heads upon His bosom forever.

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