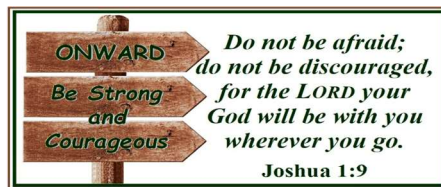


**Setting the Goal for the Journey's End
and Keeping an Eternal Perspective as We Travel
March 7th Class 1 in Spring 2023 Series**



**We Are All On
a Journey**

But Where Are We
Headed ????????
Do We Know

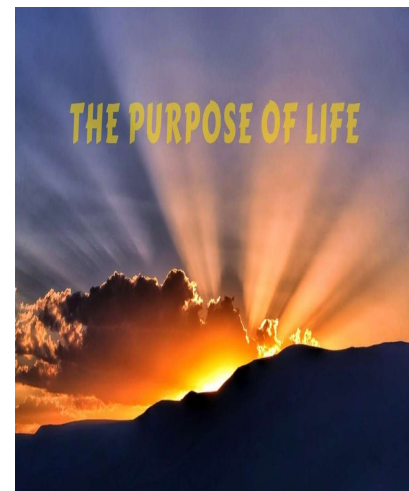


This class today is intended to help you decide/focus on the end goal of your journey.

All the classes this spring session have been designed to assist you on your Journey, to keep you on a correct course for eternal life with God, your final destination.

These classes are both to warn you of some dangers and to encourage you onward and upward.

Who Am I and What is My Purpose
What is My Destination/ My Goal



DC 90:4a-b 4a And now, verily I say unto you, I was in the beginning with the Father, and am the Firstborn; and all those who are begotten through me, are partakers of the glory of the same, and are the church of the Firstborn. 4b Ye were also in the beginning with the Father; that which is Spirit, even the Spirit of truth; and truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come; and whatsoever is more or less than this, is the spirit of that wicked one, who was a liar from the beginning.

Many Scriptures Witness to Us of the Spiritual and Physical Creation of Man

Genesis 2:6 And I, the Lord God, had created all the children of men, and not yet a man to till the ground, **for in heaven created I them, and there was not yet flesh upon the earth, neither in the water, neither in the air;**

7 But I, the Lord God, spake, and there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

8 And I, the Lord God, formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul; the first flesh upon the earth, the first man also

9 **Nevertheless, all things were before created, but spiritually were they created and made, according to my word.**



We Are Spiritual Beings

We Were in Heaven Before the Earth Was Formed



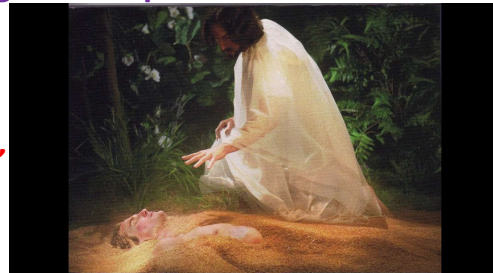
We Are Made in the Image of God

- **Gen 1:29 And I, God, created man in mine own image, in the image of mine Only Begotten created I him;**

- **male and female created I them.**

Mosiah 5:45 Or in other words, he said that man was created after the image of God, and that God should come down among the children of men, and take upon him flesh and blood, and go forth upon the face of the earth;

- **Alma 12:112 Ammon said unto him, I am a man; and man in the beginning, was created after the image of God,**



Genesis 6:45-46 45 And Enoch continued his speech, saying, The Lord which spake with me, the same is the God of heaven, and he is my God and your God, and ye are my brethren; and why counsel ye yourselves, and deny the God of heaven? 46 The heavens he made; the earth is his footstool, and the foundation thereof is his; behold, he laid it, and hosts of men hath he brought in upon the face thereof.

Ether 1:79-81 79 And never have I shewed myself unto man whom I have created, for never has man believed in me as thou hast. 80 Seest thou that ye are created after mine own image? Yea, even all men were created in the beginning, after mine own image. 81 Behold this body, which ye now behold, is the body of my spirit; and man have I created after the body of my spirit; and even as I appear unto thee to be in the spirit, will I appear unto my people in the flesh.

Also see: DC 76:3, 28:10-12, 76:3; Colossians 1:15-17; Genesis 4th chapter, Genesis 6:49-71

Our Purpose in Life is Clearly Stated and We Must Not Procrastinate

Why Are We Here = This is our Time to Prepare to Meet God

Alma 9:41 Therefore this life became a probationary state; a time to prepare to meet God; a time to prepare for that endless state, which has been spoken of by us, which is after the resurrection of the dead.



Alma 16 continued = Just told us it's a "Time to Prepare"

229 And now as I said unto you before, as ye have had so many witnesses, therefore I beseech of you, that ye do not procrastinate the day of your repentance until the end;

230 For after this day of life, which is given us to prepare for eternity, behold, if we do not improve our time while in this life, then cometh the night of darkness, wherein there can be no labor performed.

231 Ye can not say, when ye are brought to that awful crisis, that I will repent, that I will return to my God.

232 Nay, ye can not say this; for that same spirit which doth possess your bodies at the time that ye go out of this life, that same spirit will have power to possess your body in that eternal world.

Alma 16:233-234 233 For behold, if ye have procrastinated the day of your repentance, even until death, behold, ye have become subjected to the spirit of the devil, and he doth seal you his; 234 Therefore the Spirit of the Lord hath withdrawn from you, and hath no place in you, and the devil hath all power over you; and this is the final state of the wicked.

Repent Now

Mosiah 1:108 But wo, wo unto him who knoweth that he rebelleth against God; for salvation cometh to none such, except it be through repentance and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ.



- II Nephi 3:33 I am encompassed about because of the temptations and the sins which doth so easily beset me.
- 34 And when I desire to rejoice, my heart groaneth because of my sins; nevertheless, I know in whom I have trusted.
- 35 My God hath been my support; he hath led me through mine afflictions in the wilderness; and he hath preserved me upon the waters of the great deep.
- 36 He hath filled me with his love, even unto the consuming of my flesh.....

II Nephi cont.

3:43 And why should I yield to sin, because of my flesh?

44 Yea, why should I give way to temptations, that the evil one have place in my heart, to destroy my peace and afflict my soul?

• 45 Why am I angry because of mine enemy?

• 46 Awake, my soul! No longer droop in sin.

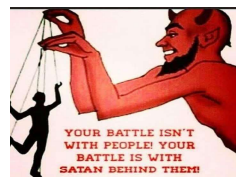
• 47 Rejoice, O my heart, and give place no more for the enemy of my soul.



Alma 16:77 And thus we see the end of him who perverteth the ways of the Lord; and thus we see that the devil will not support his children at the last day, but doth speedily drag them down to hell.

He Wants to Bind You and Control You and Make You His

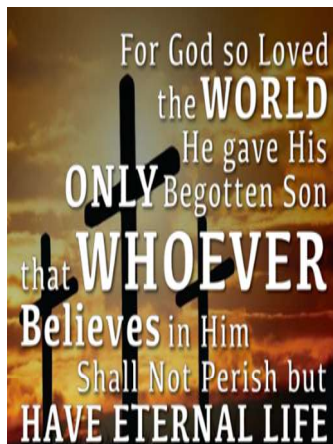
- II Nephi 11:94
- Yea, and he leadeth them by the neck with a flaxen cord, until he bindeth them with his strong cords for ever.



What Manor of Persons Ought Ye to Be

But God's Love is
Beyond Words = He
Died for You

2 Nephi 1:29 But
behold, the Lord
hath redeemed
my soul from
hell: I have
beheld his glory,
and I am
encircled about
eternally in the
arms of his love.



The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

2 Peter 3:9-11

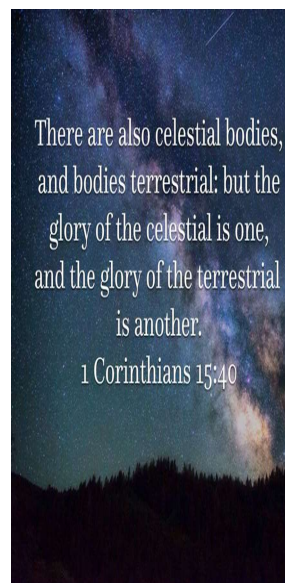
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Mosiah 3:21 Therefore, I would that ye should be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in good works, that Christ, the Lord God Omnipotent, may seal you his, that you may be brought to heaven, that ye may have everlasting salvation and eternal life, through the wisdom, and power, and justice, and mercy of him, who created all things, in heaven and in earth, who is God above all. Amen.

2 Peter 3:17-18 17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know before the things which are coming, beware lest ye also being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. 18 But grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.

Alma 16: 234 Therefore the Spirit of the Lord hath withdrawn from you,... 235 And this I know, because the Lord has said, he dwelleth not in unholy temples, but in the hearts of the righteous doth he dwell; 236 Yea, and he has also said, that the righteous shall sit down in his kingdom, to go no more out; but their garments should be made white, through the blood of the Lamb.

237 And now my beloved brethren, I desire that ye should remember these things, and that ye should work out your salvation with fear before God, and that ye should no more deny the coming of Christ; that ye contend no more against the Holy Ghost, but that ye receive it and take upon you the name of Christ; that ye humble yourselves even to the dust, and worship God in whatsoever place ye may be in, in spirit and in truth;



The Bible Tells Us of the Glories

41 There is one glory of the sun
and another glory of the moon,
and another glory of the stars
for one star differeth from another star in glory.

The Different Glories and the Wonders of Eternity

DC 76:2a-d 2a For thus saith the Lord, I, the Lord, am merciful and gracious unto those who fear me, and delight to honor those who serve me in righteousness and in truth unto the end; 2b great shall be their reward, and eternal shall be their glory; and to them will I reveal all mysteries; yea, all the hidden mysteries of my kingdom from days of old; and for ages to come will I make known unto them the good pleasure of my will concerning all things pertaining to my kingdom; 2c yea, even the wonders of eternity shall they know, and things to come will I show them, even the things of many generations; their wisdom shall be great, and their understanding reach to heaven; and before them the wisdom of the wise shall perish, and the understanding of the prudent shall come to naught; 2d for by my Spirit will I enlighten them, and by my power will I make known unto them the secrets of my will; yea, even those things which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor yet entered into the heart of man.

Sec. 76 Continued

Celestial Glory

1. Were Baptized,
2. Kept the commandments,
3. Receive the Holy Spirit,
4. Overcome by Faith,
5. They shall come with Christ when He comes in the clouds of heaven to reign on the earth



Celestial Glory

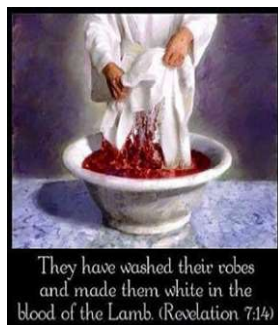
6. They shall have part in the 1st resurrection, the resurrection of the just.
7. They shall come into Mt. Zion, the city of the Living /God.
8. They come with the angels into the general assembly of the church and the church of Enoch and the Firstborn

9. Their Names Are Written in Heaven



Celestial Glory

10. Just men made perfect through Jesus the Mediator....who wrought out this perfect atonement through the shedding of His blood.



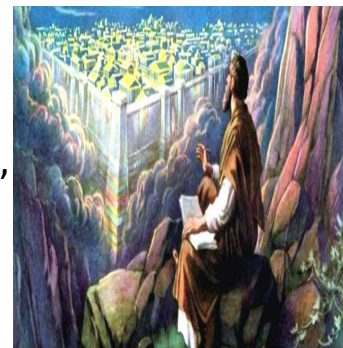
11. These are they whose bodies are celestial, whose glory is that of the sun



Abide the Law = Zion

DC 102:2c and Zion cannot be built up unless it is by the principles of the law of the celestial kingdom, otherwise I cannot receive her unto myself;

We Will See and Be a Part of Zion, that Holy City that the Prophets of old saw and testified of



We Are Strangers and Aliens but God Has Prepared a Better Place for Us

I Can Only Imagine

1 Corinthians 2:9
But as it is written,
Eye hath not seen,
nor ear heard,
neither have
entered into the
heart of man, the
things which God
hath prepared for
them that love
him.

Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.



We Are Aliens



We Are Just On a Journey Through This Time & Space



Hebrews 11:13-16 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth . . . 11:16 But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly; wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for he hath prepared for them a city.

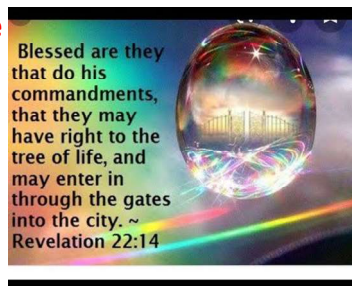
Max Lucado = You will never be completely happy on earth because you were not made for earth. You will have moments of joy, glimpses of light, even days of peace but they do not compare with the happiness that is ahead.

Hebrews 11 continued

14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

16 But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly; wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for he hath prepared for them a city.

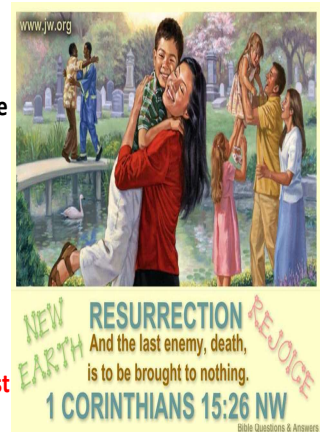


John 6:44 No man can come unto me, except he doeth the will of my Father who hath sent me.

And this is the will of him who hath sent me, that ye receive the Son; for the Father beareth record of him;

And he who receiveth the testimony, and doeth the will of him who sent me, I will raise up in the resurrection of the just

The Wonderful Resurrection



1 Corinthians 15:55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

Revelation 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.

The Glories Continued = Choose This Day

Sec. 76 Terrestrial Glory =

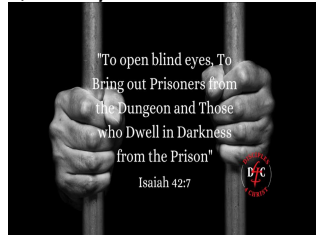


DC 76:6a And again, we saw the terrestrial world, and, behold, and lo;

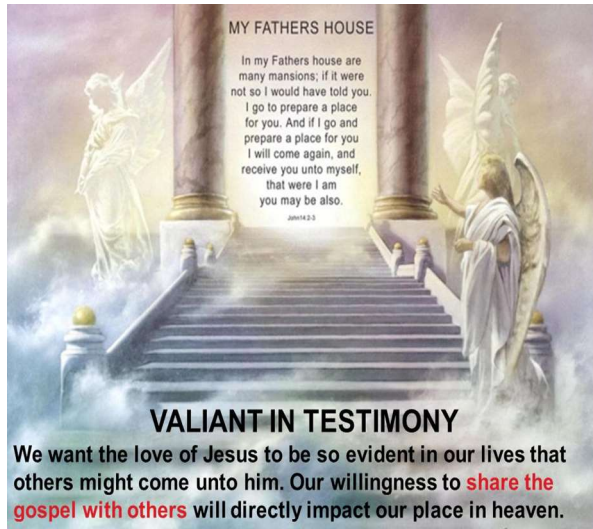
6b these are they who are of the terrestrial, whose glory differs from that of the church of the Firstborn, who have received the fullness of the Father, even as that of the moon differs from the sun of the firmament.

6c Behold, these are they who died without law; and also they who are the spirits of men kept in prison, whom the Son visited, and preached the gospel unto them, that they

might be judged according to men in the flesh, who received not the testimony of Jesus in the flesh, but afterwards received it;



We Must Be Valiant in Testimony



DC 76:6d-g 6d These are they who are honorable men of the earth, who were blinded by the craftiness of men. 6e These are they who receive of his glory, but not of his fullness; 6f These are they who receive of the presence of the Son, but not of the fullness of the Father; wherefore they are bodies terrestrial, and not bodies celestial, and differ in glory as the moon differs from the sun; 6g these are they who are not valiant in the testimony of Jesus; wherefore they obtained not the crown over the kingdom of our God.

John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Telestial Level =



Sec. 76: 7a And again, we saw the glory of the telestial, which glory is that of the lesser, even as the glory of the stars differs from that of the glory of the moon in the firmament;

7b these are they who received not the gospel of Christ, neither the testimony of Jesus;

7c these are they who deny not the Holy Spirit;

7d these are they who are thrust down to hell;

7e these are they who shall not be redeemed from the Devil, until the last resurrection, until the Lord, even Christ the Lamb, shall have finished his work;

7f these are they who receive not of his fullness in the eternal world, but of the Holy Spirit through the ministration of the terrestrial; and the terrestrial through the ministration of the celestial:

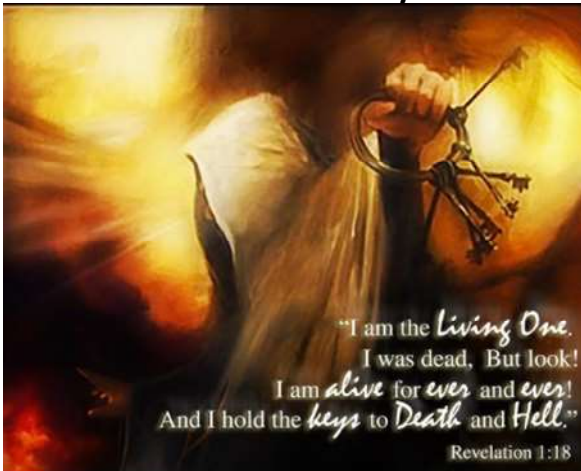
and also the telestial receive it of the administering of angels, who are appointed to minister for them, or who are appointed to be ministering spirits for them, for they shall be heirs of salvation.

What is Your Goal



DC 76:7n-v 7n Last of all, these all are they who will not be gathered with the saints, to be caught up unto the church of the Firstborn, and received into the cloud; 7o These are they who are liars, and sorcerers, and adulterers, and whoremongers, and whosoever loves and makes a lie; 7p These are they who suffer the wrath of God on the earth; 7q These are they who suffer the vengeance of eternal fire; 7r These are they who are cast down to hell and suffer the wrath of Almighty God until the fullness of times, when Christ shall have subdued all enemies under his feet, and shall have perfected his work, when he shall deliver up the kingdom and present it unto the Father spotless, saying:

He Holds the Keys



Sec. 76 Continued

7s I have overcome and have trodden the wine press alone, even the wine press of the fierceness of the wrath of Almighty God; **then shall he be crowned with the crown of his glory, to sit on the throne of his power to reign for ever and ever.**



7t But, behold, and lo, we saw the glory and the inhabitants of the telestial world, that they were as innumerable as the stars in the firmament of heaven, or as the sand upon the seashore, and heard the voice of the Lord saying: 7u These all shall bow the knee, and every tongue shall confess to him who sits upon the throne forever and ever; 7v For they shall be judged according to their works; and every man shall receive according to his own works, and his own dominion, in the mansions which are prepared, and they shall be servants of the Most High, but where God and Christ dwell they cannot come, worlds without end.

A Glimpse Into Hell

DC 76:4k nevertheless, I, the Lord, show it by vision unto many; but straightway shut it up again; wherefore the end, the width, the height, the depth, and the misery thereof, they understand not, neither any man except them who are ordained unto this condemnation.

Alma 17:10 But I was racked with eternal torment, for my soul was harrowed up to the greatest degree, and racked with all my sins. **Yea, I did remember all my sins and iniquities, for which I was tormented with the pains of hell;**



Choosing God Daily and Keeping An Eternal Perspective

Imagine Yourself

Alma 3:34 Or otherwise, **can ye imagine yourselves** brought before the tribunal of God, with your souls filled with guilt and remorse; having a remembrance of all your guilt;



II Nephi 6:34

Wherefore, we shall have a perfect knowledge of all our guilt, and our uncleanness, and our nakedness;

35 And the righteous shall have a perfect knowledge of their enjoyment, and their righteousness, being clothed with purity, yea, even with the robe of righteousness.

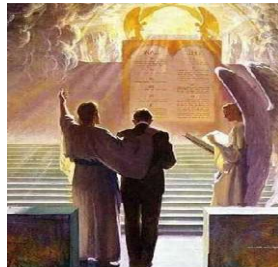
II Nephi 6:43 O the greatness of the mercy of our God, the Holy One of Israel! **For he delivereth his saints from that awful monster the devil, and death, and hell, and that lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment.**

44 Oh how great the holiness of our God! For he knoweth all things, and there is not anything save he knows it.

45 **And he cometh into the world that he may save all men, if they will hearken unto his voice;**

God's Grace Abounds

I John 1:2 **But if any man sin and repent, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**



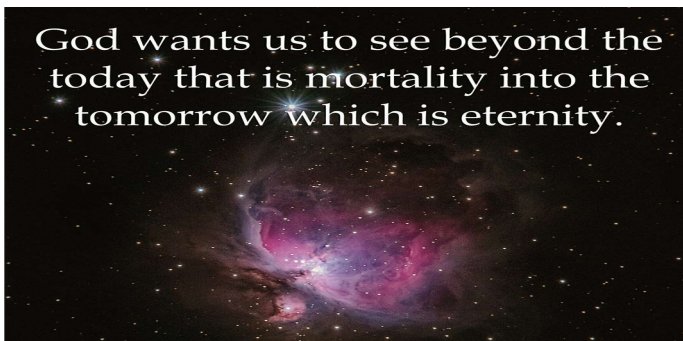
Choose this Day Whom You Will Serve

As for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord.



Eternal Perspective = Helps You Keep Your Eye on the Goal

God wants us to see beyond the today that is mortality into the tomorrow which is eternity.



This is a Difficult Journey

Never forget that God is good even when life is not. God never promised you an easy ride through life. Only that He will be with you every step of the way.



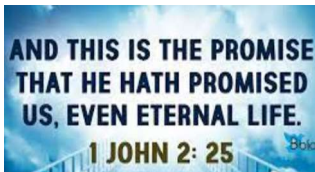
Eternal Life is Yet Before

You = Look Ahead

We Need to Keep an

Eternal Perspective

A Filtering system that enables us to separate what is essential in life from what is not.



Ask Yourself

Will it make a difference in 5 or 10 years?

Is it of eternal significance?

Will it effect someone's eternal life?

Is it a life or death situation?

What is the time factor? Nothing last forever.

Two Kinds of People

Thermometer & Thermostat

Difference Between Them

1. Thermometer people = People who let circumstance of life control them

2. Thermostat people = People who are Christ controlled and are not controlled by circumstances of life.

Keeping An Eternal Perspective = Allows them to partake in the Joy of the Lord = no matter what their circumstances

Paul Was a Thermostat Person = Kept an Eternal Perspective

He viewed this life through a telescope lens.

He kept a long range view



Philippians: 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

Verse 12 I know both how to be abased and I know how to abound, everywhere and in all things. I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

Verse 13 I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

Verse 8 =Paul Says = Think on these Things



2 Corinthians 11:24-27 24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. 25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; 26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren. 27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

Keep Your Goal Before Your Eyes, Fight the Good Fight

Matthew 25:21 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

You Don't Have to Die to Meet God = You Can Be Here When He Returns
and Be Changed in the Twinkling of an Eye;
But the End Goal is to Be With God and Christ

Imagine Going Home



Maybe We Will See Him Return



DC 43:7d And he that liveth in righteousness, shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye.

DC 63:13e Wherefore children shall grow up until they become old, old men shall die; but they shall not sleep in the dust, but they shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye.

DC 98:5f In that day an infant shall not die until he is old, and his life shall be as the age of a tree, and when he dies he shall not sleep (that is to say in the earth), but shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye.

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 51 Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

**What is Your Goal
What is the Prize You
Seek**

James 1:12

**Blessed is the man
that resisteth
temptation; for when
he is tried, he shall
receive the crown of
life, which the Lord
hath promised to
them that love him.**

- **Titus 1:2** In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;



Make a Plan, Start Today, Do Not Procrastinate!

**Come Let Us Set a High Goal for the End of Our Journey =
That is to Dwell with God and Christ for Eternity**



2 Nephi 7:40 Therefore cheer up your hearts, and remember that ye are free to act for yourselves; to choose the way of everlasting death, or the way of eternal life.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jude 1:21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Alma 10:29 Having a hope that ye shall receive eternal life; having the love of God always in your hearts, that ye may be lifted up at the last day, and enter into his rest.

DC 12:3b Keep my commandments in all things; and if you keep my commandments and endure to the end, you shall have eternal life; which gift is the greatest of all the gifts of God.