



SERMON NOTES

The Faith We Sing

Week 4 (May 2):
"I'll Fly Away"

*Isaiah 11:6-9; Revelation 21:1-4; John 14:1-3, 18-19, 25-27;
Romans 3:23-26; Philippians 1:21, 3:20; I Corinthians 15:51-52;
Psalm 90:10-12*

I. Introduction

- A. When we develop a love for this world it results in spiritual _____.
- B. Albert _____ wrote "I'll Fly Away" while dreaming about flying away from the cotton field where he worked in Oklahoma.

II. Hope for Eternity

- A. _____ is paradise restored.
- B. The resurrection of Jesus is what gives _____ for eternity.
- C. Good people don't go to heaven when they die, _____ people go to heaven when they die.

III. Urgency for Today

- A. Since heaven is God's vision for the future, we are called to _____ toward that vision.
- B. The apostle Paul says that our true home is in _____.
- C. Remembering our _____ is limited provides us with wisdom to know how to spend our limited time.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message

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INTRODUCTION

Albert Brumley was working in the cotton fields of Oklahoma and was dreaming of flying away from the exhausting work. This experience was the catalyst for writing the hymn "I'll Fly Away." Brumley's song resonates with many people in our world who dream of the day they are taken from the troubles of this world to a place we call heaven. The song points us toward hope for eternity and urgency for today.

Monday: I Corinthians 2:9

Anything we know falls short of the glory of heaven. What do you think heaven will be like? What do you hope to experience when you first enter heaven?

Tuesday: Revelation 19:5-9, 21:1-6

Every day natural disasters, illnesses, some large or small part of the economy going south or the world scene getting more chaotic can make it feel as though the news is trying to snuff out hope. In whom do you place your confidence that "the worst thing is never the last thing"? Do you trust that Jesus meant it when he promised to prepare a place for us so that we can be with him forever (cf. John 14:1-3)? Can you live in hope that, in the end, God will win?

Wednesday: Philippians 3:19-20

Paul reminds us that this earth is not our home. Our true home is in heaven. What do you think it looks like to live believing your citizenship is in heaven?

Thursday: Psalm 90:10-12

Do you tend to think of your days as endless? Why is it difficult for us to number our days? What can you do this week to prioritize the Kingdom of God?

Friday: John 11:25-26

Many people avoid the topic of death and don't like to think about it. We don't have to avoid the topic of death because this scripture passage gives us hope. Because Jesus lives, we too shall live. Why do you think it's so easy to live most of life ignoring what happens after we die?

MOVING FORWARD

According to scripture, heaven is paradise restored and God's vision for the future. We don't know a lot of details about what heaven is like, but we do know that Jesus has defeated death and because he lives we too will live again. The resurrection of Jesus is what gives us hope for eternity. Since heaven is God's vision for the future we are called to work for that vision now. However, many people become spiritually complacent in our world and don't prioritize working on God's vision. Moses reminds us that the best way to get our priorities straight is to remember that our days are numbered. This week pray "Lord teach me to count my days."

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) complacency, B) Brumley. IIA) Heaven, B) hope, IIC) forgiven. IIIA) work, B) heaven, C) time.