

## Daily Devotional, October 20, 2020 Eternity—What, Me Worry?

*<sup>54</sup> When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. <sup>55</sup> "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:54-57 (NIV)*

I sure could go for some long rest right now, couldn't you? There are so many things in life that generally demand our attention, that tend to stress us out, make us worry, and just one thing after another wears us out to the point that we are exhausted. Add the stress of the Covid-19 pandemic and we become exhausted to the 50<sup>th</sup> degree! Even our vacation time can wear us out when we can't go anywhere due to quarantine and are stuck at home! We need a break from our break!

With all these things stressing us out and leaving us in need of a time out, we come to the realization that we are living unnaturally restless lives. And my question for us today is, are we restless for the right things?

I ask because, when I look around me, and in some of the comments that I hear, I realize that people are freaking out over the stress of the pandemic and the isolation it has created, and as a result have targeted the things of this world—things that have been magnified as targets of what will need to be replaced, things that in people's minds become obsolete in a matter of months, things that increase the stress of maintenance on their lives, and are ultimately useless when eternity comes into the picture.

And where eternity is concerned is where we *should* be edgy; we should be concerned about eternity and focus on nothing else. Of all the things that you are doing now, what of those activities will matter forever? It's great if your investments will carry you all the way from retirement until your death, but then what? What will carry you from your death into the forever of eternity? What stock market or gold investment portfolio will help you then?

The only thing that can help us in eternity is Jesus. His investment in us opens the way for us to Heaven, and our investment of faith in Him guarantees the benefit of His sacrifice into our lives.

Once this issue is settled in the minds of each of us, it is amazing how much of our restlessness disappears. In an instant, we are no longer chasing after the things of this world, but instead, and where eternity is concerned, we are resting in the work of Jesus that has been completed on our behalves.

Even the sting of death has been dealt with so that the only thing that keeps us restless now is thinking of how to please our Savior while we still have the chance to show our appreciation. Having eternity settled and a Savior who loves me, now there's something that gives me rest no matter what is happening around me.

***Prayer: Lord Jesus, Thank You for conquering death for me! Thank You that I can rest in what You have done for me and not worry about anything else that I see going on around me in this time or anything that happens in the future. Please fill me with Your rest and peace as I live for You today and always! Amen.***