

Memorial by Son Stephen

Rev. 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Deut. 32:11 **As an eagle** stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:

12 **So the LORD** alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

Prov. 30:18 There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not:

19 **The way of an eagle in the air**; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.

Psalms 45:9 Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand **the queen in gold of Ophir**.

1John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is **righteous, even as he is righteous**.

Luke 12:35 Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; 36 And ye
yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

Luke 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Luke 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Eph 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Re 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Re 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Re 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Heb 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.

Psa 126:1 When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.
3 The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.
4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.
5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.
6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

God's Harvesters

The Goal is set --- HIS WILL--- Now, Finish HIS Work

John 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to **finish his work**.

35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

- I. The Harvest is now ready FIELD look, what do you see?
 - a. Lift up your eyes
 - b. look on the fields

II. The Workers are now ready FEW ready to work --- many unwilling

- a. Vision to work – see Jesus’ love/conduct speaks /character wins
- b. Aim to harvest souls - know Jesus - make Him known keep/love
- c. Action in the field know truth make truth known keep/life
 - i. Partake of His Nature II Pt. 1:4
 - ii. Partake of His Holiness Heb.12:10

1Pe 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

2Pe 3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

III. The Message is now ready FULL

Moses --- Ex 25:40 And look that thou **make them after their pattern**, which was shewed thee in the mount. Ac 7:44; Heb 8:5

David --- 1Ch 28:10 **Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee** to build an house for the sanctuary: **be strong, and do it.**

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David = Solomon his son the pattern 12 pattern of all by the spirit,

IV. The goal is already set,

Ps 56:10 In God will I praise his word: in the LORD will I praise his word.

11 In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

Ps 56:4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

Ps 118:6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

Heb 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

a. The problem is many are setting their own goals

I. True character arises to make the unchangeable decision to reach that goal.

a. To make it a possibility,

- i. There is a character in this spirit that produces a determination that will continue to be the envy of many and will be the history lesson of instruction in many of our conversations as long as we live!

With/without argument/family, friends and even enemies, reach for the set goal!

The determination to reach that goal began with a call! A call from the voice of God that is high and set apart from any other voice!

God's eternal influence is what ignites the flame of experience in true salvation, that rapidly expands in the soul until it reaches the level of an uncontrollable anointing! This anointing puts a mighty soldier on his feet in diligent search of every spiritual weapon we need to accomplish what the call has set before us!

TO REACH THAT SET GOAL!!!

Then proclamations that even the regions of Demons and the Devil can hear.

We cannot Stop now. We must reach the Goal! Now, **FINISH THE WORK**

- Is that the heat of the desert I feel pressing around us? then instantly the determination and anointing would say; No matter what, we will trust for his refreshing, we must fight on!
- Is that the cold of the winter pressing hard against us? But then the same resolve! It never wavers. No matter what. We will look for the warmth of his Love, we must fight on!
- Is that the darkness of the night pressing on us call for a light. We cannot stop now we must press on, we must reach the goal, we must fight on.
- Is that the evening shadows falling? Is that the certain sound in this day?

1Co 14:8 For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

- Is that the sun coming up , if he wasn't under a vehicle he was on his knees praying, and in both cases some had the priviledge of being their with him many times and we have precious memories, but best of all we have that mind for the goal, Reach the Goal, **now, finish His work, FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH**

Are the rocks of the steep mountainside cutting and hurting our feet? The resolve never fails! Again we must say; **MAKE MY FEET LIKE HINDS FEET** we will find the healing of his Grace to make it to the TOP! We Must Fight On!

We are left **TO FINISH THE WORK.**

2Co 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

11 For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

15 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.
17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;
18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2Peter 3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

I'm Nearer Home

I'LL WALKED WITH GOD THROUGH ALL THESE YEARS
THROUGH FLAME AND FLOOD THROUGH PAIN AND TEARS.
I'LL FOLLOW HIM HIS (voice)WILL OBEY
I'M NEARER HOME THAN I WAS YESTERDAY.

Chorus

I'M NEARER HOME THAN I WAS YESTERDAY
I'M CLOSER TO GOD ALONG life's narrow WAY.
EACH STEP I TAKE EACH PRAYER (THAT) I PRAY
I'M NEARER HOME THAN I WAS YESTERDAY

THE FLEETING CLOUDS THAT SWEEP THE SKY
THE WHISPERING WINDS THAT CHILL AND DIE.
THE SHIFTING SANDS ALL SPEAK TO SAY
YOU'RE NEARER HOME THAN YOU WERE YESTERDAY.

Tw'as a day in early springtime

1. 'Twas a day in early springtime,
By an ancient wayside well,
Eliezer paused to rest his camel train.
He had found a bride for Isaac
Ere the evening shadows fell,
For his weary journey had not been in vain.
- Oh, get ready! Evening shadows fall.
Don't you hear the Eliezer call?
There's going to be a wedding,
And our joy will soon begin,
In the evening when the camel train comes in.
2. So he took the fair Rebekah,
Dressed in jewels rich and rare,
Quickly to her waiting bridegroom far away.
Where Rebekah loved her Isaac,
And he loved Rebekah fair;
Oh, it must have been a happy wedding day.
3. Now the blessed Holy Spirit,
From our Father God above,
Has come down to earth to find a worthy Bride.
For our Isaac over yonder
Has prepared His tents of love,
And He wants His fair Rebekah by His side.

4. We have left our kinfolk gladly;
We have bade the world goodbye.
We've been called to be His pure and spotless Bride;
Where we'll soon behold our Jesus
In that blest eternity—
What a happy, happy wedding that will be!

It all begins with a goal that is set. Then true character arises to make the unchangeable decision to reach that goal. To make that a possibility, there is a character in this spirit that produces a determination that will continue to be the envy of many and will be the history lesson of instruction in many of our conversations as long as we live!

There was one named James Reynolds, that without argument from friends and even enemies, set the goal and reached it!

The determination to reach that goal began with a call! A call from the voice of God that is high and set apart from any other voice!

It's eternal influence is what ignited the flame of experience in true salvation, that rapidly expanded in the soul until it reached the level of an uncontrollable anointing! This anointing put a mighty soldier on his feet in diligent search of every spiritual weapon he would need to accomplish what the call had set before him! TO REACH THAT GOAL!!!

Then came the proclamation that even the regions of Demons and the Devil could hear. As well as fellow soldiers who were hungry to be encouraged in their fight.

He often shouted mighty and strong with fist clinched and raised purposefully HIGH in the air!

" The Devil is a Liar " " There is no defeat in God " " We must fight for the Right "
" We must never compromise, but push back the works of the Devil"

In my presence I can testify that I never heard him even "Whisper" the language of defeat though I have personally watched him step over the bodies of many fallen comrades and press on. The voice of this great warrior could be heard saying for all to hear. We cannot Stop now. We must reach the Goal!

Is that the heat of the desert I feel pressing around me he would ask? But then instantly the determination and anointing would say; None the matter. I will trust for his refreshing, but I must fight on!

Is that the cold of the winter pressing hard against me he would ask? But then here came the same resolve! It never wavered. He again would say; None the matter. I will look for the warmth of his Love, but I must fight on!

Are they the rocks of the steep mountainside that are cutting and hurting my feet he would ask? The resolve never failed! Again he would say; I will find the healing of his Grace often enough to make it to the TOP! I Must Fight On!

How many attacks did he endure? How many injuries were suffered for long periods of time, even while never leaving the battle field? That number could never be accounted, because he covered most wounds and injuries with a crisp clean uniform, usually refreshed in a closet of fasting and prayer. When he appeared he made sure that he was a representative of his faith in an unfailing God, and never let his wounds produce a mortal pity from man that would in any degree reduce the character of His God!

Oh, but for the natural man, the many battles take their toll. But be it known now and forever! The steps may slow! The fist not raised quite as high, and the voice may not thunder! But that does not mean he is losing the long hard fought battle! NO! He is just preparing for the final victory! The Goal is in Sight! He is preparing for the final assault! A foe he has never faced! An enemy that the body must perish so the victory of the eternal soul can be revealed Death itself!

He prays for the refreshing breeze that bears the fragrance of faith and hope. But he must now find hope and reason to fight on even if the air seems to become stagnant with pressing doubt and fear. This is where he alone must take on the enemy.

He finally sees the Master of faith coming and saying to him! " No need to give up now"

Then he whispers! I want the last word!!! The family and friends may not of heard it but the final words as he was led across chilly Jordon were " Oh Death, Where is Your Sting " I have reached my goal.

Goodbye my faithful Friend. I will meet you where we will be safe from all harm. You left me but I am not afraid for the rest of the journey. You left me in Good Hands.