

Where Will You End Up?

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A preacher of the gospel said to me, "I have five children; four of them are faithful Christians, but my son who lives here thinks that I am idiot." That was the result of a little, a very little, academic learning; it was not produced by intelligence or wisdom. One day that son will wake up and realize that he has been the idiot, not his father. A woman in the church said to me: "MY sister believes that death brings an end to everything about us." There was a time that she was a Christian; there was a time that the father served as a deacon; there was a time that all of the family were faithful in attending church services. When that woman dies, she is going to know that death is not the end -- the end will be yet to come. A preacher of the gospel left his wife and children to live with another man's wife (who also was deprived by the courts of her children). While he was living in sin, a preacher friend warned him that his soul was in jeopardy and that he would end up in hell. He responded, "I know it, but it's worth it!" He will change his mind the moment he dies or arrives in eternity.

These stories could go on endlessly, but that would be needless. The point I want to make is this. The notions, feelings, ideas, concepts, "think-so's" and beliefs of men have no effect whatsoever in changing what God in His revelation to man (the Bible) has declared to be true. The truth cannot be changed or vanquished by our putting it out of mind, or disliking it, or disagreeing with it, or rationalizing against it, or finding "learned" men who reject it. It is still there, and we must face it. The father who is serving God by earnestly striving to do the work of an evangelist is certainly no idiot, but the arrogant sin is a blind fool. The sister is in for a rude awakening -- when she comes to die. The ex-preacher will, when the time comes, know that all that isn has to offer is not worth even a few moments in hell, let alone an eternity there!

Each one of us is on a journey, a journey to eternity. Every moment that we live brings us closer to death, to the coming of Christ, to the resurrection, to the judgment when we will face the record we are now making in this life, to the sentence that will be pronounced by the Son of God (Matthew 25:34, 41), and to eternity -- in heaven or hell! ***Where will you end up?!***

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