

Recap of 9/30/18 (1 Timothy 6:11-14)

1. Paul reminds Timothy and through him, other believers, including us, that we are to be pursuing eternal values and Christlike character, looking for His return from Heaven. This world and its treasures is not all there is. As we look for Jesus' return we are reminded to live for Him in expectation of His return.

2. As a church we believe in the pre-millennial return of Jesus Christ. That is, He will return to earth following a seven year tribulation period in which God pours out His wrath upon unbelievers, to set up His Kingdom on earth and will reign for 1,000 years, thus fulfilling literally the Abrahamic, Palestinian, and Davidic Covenants.

3. What others are saying:

-“Christ will actually reign over the earth as king, and during the Millennium the Jewish people will experience the fulfillment of the promises made to Abraham and David.” (Charles Ryrie)

-“Paul had set his sights higher than this passing scene...Paul was a pilgrim and a stranger, not only in love with Jesus but with His appearing. I wonder how many really love Jesus' return.... You cannot love and live for two worlds at a time. The love of the world and the love of the Father simply do not coexist in the same heart. Are you in love with this age or with the one to come? It makes a difference.” (Vance Havner)

4. A great model prayer for believers which expresses what Paul is saying in this passage follows:

-“Forbid, O Lord God, that my thoughts today should be wholly occupied with the world's passing show. Seeing that in Thy lovingkindness Thou hast given me the power to lift my mind to the contemplation of things unseen and eternal, forbid that I should remain content with the things of sense and time. Grant rather that each day may do something so to strengthen my hold upon the unseen world, so to increase my sense of its reality, and so to attach my heart to its holy interests that, as the end of my earthly life draws ever nearer, I may not grow to be a part of these fleeting earthly surroundings, but rather grow more and more conformed to the life of the world to come.”

(John Baillie, **A Diary of Private Prayer**). May this be our desire.