

“Eternity”

Isaiah 57:15

Introduction:

- A. What a word! Once in KJV, Twice in ASV and thrice in NKJV and NIV.
- B. None can comprehend it, yet all are effected by it.
- C. We must stand in awe of every consideration of this word.

Discussion:

I. Its Magnitude.

- A. Duration without limits — no beginning nor end.
- B. Strictly speaking, only can apply to God.
- C. Many efforts to illustrate eternity — all must fall short.
 - 1. A ring.
 - 2. Sailor at sea sees only water.
 - 3. Telescope out into space.
 - 4. If earth steel ball — eagles wing tips each 1000 years — wears it away.
 - 5. If ant carried grain of sand to sun — removes all from earth.
 - 6. Certain number grains of sand, blades of grass, drops of water, leaves of trees — if one of destroyed each billion years.

II. Its Associations.

- A. It is associated with the existence of man.
 - 1. God has put eternity in man's heart. (Eccl. 3:11).
 - 2. Part of man never dies. (Matt 10:28).
 - 3. All men to be raised from dead. (John 5:28-29)
- B. It is associated with the importance of the church (Eph. 3:10-11).
- C. It is associated with the happiness of saints.
 - 1. Eternal life. (John 6:54; 10:28; Rom 6:23).
 - 2. Eternal weight of glory. (2 Cor. 4:17).
 - 3. Eternal redemption and salvation (Heb. 5:9; 9:12).
 - 4. Eternal inheritance (Heb. 9:15)
- D. It is associated with the woes of sinners.
 - 1. Eternal condemnation and fire (Mark 3:29; Jude 7)
 - 2. Everlasting punishment and destruction (Matt. 25:46; 2 Thess. 1:9).

III. Its Implications.

- A. About God — His greatness (Inhabits eternity).
- B. About man — His dignity and preciousness.
- C. About time — Its transience and shortness.
- D. About life — Its purpose.
 - 1. Time to prepare for heaven and escape hell.
 - 2. Time to sow for the harvest (Gal. 6:7-10)
- E. About death — Its solemnity.
 - 1. Gate into eternity.
 - 2. Passage into heaven or hell

Conclusion:

- A. Keep eternity in our hearts daily..
- B. Do every thing in view of eternity: Preach, teach, pray, live, work, marry, &c.