



The Best Is Yet To Be

This lesson Is About Our Overall View Of Life

Introduction

- *I don't know how you look at life, but I find that if I always try to look at things with the attitude that **THE BEST IS YET TO BE**—things are better.*

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- *Being optimistic about the future is certainly better than looking back at the way things were.*
- *This view gives me a reason for being happy in a sin-sick world, but not in the way this world thinks of being happy.*

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- Our nation's founding fathers proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence that the pursuit of happiness is an "unalienable right" of mankind.
- Since then it seems that people have taken it for granted that being happy is their God-given right, regardless of how it is gained.

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- They want to be happy but most never attain true happiness for they don't know where to find it.

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- *They think it is found in the things of this world.*
- *But John tells us we are not to "love the world or the things in the world ...the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it "* 1 John 2:15-17

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- *The world "lust" means desire, and generally condemned as "inordinate affections."*
- *Even if the things some desire in this world are not sinful, they are at best still temporary.*

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- *So in the end those who seek happiness in the things of this world will have to say like Solomon "all is vanity, and a striving after wind" Ecclesiastes 1:14.*
- *Those who seek happiness in serving God and doing His will are the truly happy ones.*
- *They know there will be a better world to come.*

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- *A man, lying on his death bed was surrounded by his family.*
- *They were grieving over his impending departure from this life.*
- *While waiting for the inevitable, he says to them, "Don't worry about me, the best is yet to be."*
- *Why could he say this?*

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- Because he was a Christian with “a living hope” 1 Peter 1:3-5; Philippians 3:20-21.
- He understood how and why he had lived his life.
- Like Paul, he had committed his soul to God for safe keeping 2 Timothy 1:12.

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- *He knew his experiences in life, good and bad, were only temporary, so he had used his time to prepare for the better life to come 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.*
- *He knew the best was yet to come and looked forward to it with optimism.*

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- *Others see the word “blessed” with a sanctimonious flavor, as a technical word of theology, i.e. such as being blessed by some religious ritual performed by a reverend, rabbi, priest, or maybe the Pope.*
- *Such thinking obscures its deeper meaning.*

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- *As used in the NT, one that is blessed has gained the highest happiness a human being can enjoy in this world.*
- *It is the state of spiritual and moral prosperity that people share only in Christ.*

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- *The ones who possess spiritual happiness do not depend on the ever-changing conditions in the world.*
- *The blessings can only be lost if one chooses to change his mind toward God.*
- *The blessed man, knowing the best is yet to be is an eternal optimist.*

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- *So, how does the optimist know the best is yet to be?*
- *Because he/she places his trust in God, who is always faithful 1 Corinthians 1:9; Hebrews 6:18; 10:23; 1 Peter 4:19.*
- *This faithful God will sustain those who trust Him Psalm 37:23-40; Philippians. 4:11-12.*

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This belief allows one to be content and satisfied, not in life's circumstances but in his attitude - that regardless of life's outcome it will be better later.

To such people peace of mind and joy in life is not dependent on material things.

They trust God to make things right in His time.

They know the best is yet to be because God said so.

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Such optimism will make your life richer. Why? Because the Christian knows things the world does not.

The optimistic Christian knows that when this physical body returns to the dust after death, we will be clothed with a better one. 2 Corinthians 5:1 "For we KNOW that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens..."

So, the best is yet to be.

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“The optimistic Christian knows that by trusting God things will work out for good, even though it seems impossible at the time.

Romans 8:28. “And we KNOW that all things work together for good to those who loves God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”

The optimistic Christian has no doubt about the security of his soul.

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2 Timothy 1:12 "...I am not ashamed, for I **KNOW** whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that day."

Yes, the best is yet to be because the one who has been saved in faithful obedience has this promised salvation promised by God "...kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" 1 Peter 1:3-5.

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- Without an optimistic attitude you will be content with mediocrity, just drifting along with no goal in life.
- Your life will be one of fear, insecurity and hopelessness.
- But by being optimistic, thinking the best is yet to be, you will have much better outlook on life.

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- You will have something to believe in. You will have a sense of direction in life providing you with a goal (reason) to live.
- You will have a spirit of expectancy that it will be better later.
- This is your anchor for life Romans 8:24-25; Hebrews 6:19.

Conclusion

★ *We must realize that there are better things in store for us.*

★ *Hebrews 6:9-12*

★ *God is going to make sure of it, IF we are faithful to Him.*

★ *What will it take to give you this confidence that the best is yet to be?*

