

Things That Last

(Isaiah 55:2)

- Introduction:
1. People invest a great deal of time in things that just will not last.
 - a. Sidewalk art.
 - b. Fireworks.
 - c. Lawn care.
 - d. Personal Beauty/Health.
 2. One of life's stumbling blocks over which many of us trip is our inability to discern between what is fleeting and what is lasting, and to give the appropriate amount of attention to each.
 3. The intent of this lesson is to remind us of what truly matters.

I. And He Died

- A. (Gen. 5:5) So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; ***and he died.***
- B. (Gen. 5:8) So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years; ***and he died.***
- C. (Gen. 5:11) So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years; ***and he died.***
- D. (Gen. 5:14) So all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years; ***and he died.***
- E. (Gen. 5:17) So all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years; ***and he died.***
- F. (Gen. 5:20) So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years; ***and he died.***
- G. (Gen. 5:27) So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; ***and he died.***
- H. (Gen. 5:31) So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years; ***and he died.***
- I. (Gen. 9:29) So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; ***and he died.***

II. Then What?

- A. What we've accumulated won't matter then.
- B. How shrewd of a businessman we were won't matter then.
- C. How educated we were won't matter then.
- D. How well-loved and respected we were won't matter then.
- E. How well you could bake won't matter then.
- F. How dedicated you were to your children and grandchildren won't matter then.
- G. How benevolent you were won't matter then.
- H. What you built or established that will outlast you won't matter then.

III. Our Only Hope

- A. (Colossians 1:27).
- B. Christ in us is our only hope of glory.

- Conclusion:
1. Whether or not we allowed Jesus to live in us is the only lasting thing that will matter when we die.
 2. Don't get so caught up in what is temporary that you fail to focus on what is eternal.
 3. Enjoy the temporary. Make use of it while it lasts. But never forget that it's fleeting.