

Destination Or Journey?

Ponder: What is life all about?

Scripture: "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" (Matt. 25:46, NKJV).

"Life isn't about the destination; it's about the journey." While that statement sounds profound, please don't start nodding your head in agreement until you have carefully considered its implications.

People nowadays commonly refer to life as a "journey." That metaphor loses its validity, however, when we start viewing our life as an aimless meandering with no specific purpose, no goal, just passively floating along.

Most journeys have a destination. Do you really want to fly in a plane if the pilot doesn't know where to go and how much fuel is needed to get there? "Just enjoy the journey!" Thanks, but I'd enjoy it far more if I knew where I was going!

Biblically speaking, life is most assuredly about the destination! God's purpose in creating people in the first place was to "bring many sons to glory" (Heb. 2:10). God wants a huge family to live with Him eternally! Whether you and I are among that throng depends on what direction we choose to travel on life's journey. Paul wrote that each individual will be judged by "the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10). Obviously this earthly life is when we do things in the body. Similarly, at the judgment John saw in Revelation 20, "the dead were judged according to their works" (v. 12). Again, those works were done while on life's "journey."

So, is it destination or journey? Actually, it isn't either/or, it's both/and. The direction we take on the journey has a direct bearing on our destination. Which direction are you headed?

Hymn: "Each Day I'll Do A Golden Deed"

Prayer: Almighty God, we happily confess that You are our Father. We thank You for sending Jesus to save us and bring us home to You in glory. Help us to stay on the path you have laid out in Your word so that Heaven will be our destination. In Jesus' name, Amen.