

Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

ETERNITY

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We hear this term used when referring to the time after we leave this world. Many times it is used during an invitation to gain one's salvation. But just how long is eternity? A common definition is "without end" and that pretty much sums it up. Even that is difficult to grasp. I once heard a definition that gives us a better perception of how long eternity might be.

Let us imagine a little bird about the size of a sparrow. This little bird is assigned the task of moving earth to the moon. Obviously a formidable task. However, our bird is up to it and begins the job. He can only carry one grain of sand at a time and it is approximately 238857 miles. A round trip would be 477, 714 miles. Now let's assume our bird travels at about 10 miles per hour. Doing the math we arrive at the following:

47,771 hours or
1990.5 days or
284.4 weeks or
5.5 years
to complete the round trip.

Now you really need to put your imagination to work. One grain at a time - the number of years to move earth to moon is more than we can possibly calculate. Just one bucket of sand from the beach would take thousands of years, thousands!

But the bird that was chosen is up to the task and some day way off in the future, possibly millions of years off, he finally makes that last trip back to earth for the last grain and then his work will be complete.

And eternity will still be going, and going and where will we be?

James 4:14 refers to our time on earth as a vapor here for a short time. This short time when compared to eternity is absolutely nothing

yet in that short time we make a decision that decides where we will spend eternity.

Luke 16 tells us of the rich man who saw the beggar Lazarus in the bosom of Abraham and realized it was too late for his eternity to be changed. We do not want to be in that position. Once there it is too late to change.

When we make that decision it is one time in our life when it is permHebrews 11:1-7, He Looked For A Cityissible to be selfish. Think of yourself, where do you want to be? You cannot attain salvation for someone else - only yourself. If you have not chosen Heaven then do so while you have the opportunity. We do not know when Jesus will return but return He will because He said He would.
MT 24:43, I Thess 5:2, II Peter 3:10

Be prepared!!

This week's video lesson is: (Contact me if you do not have Quicktime)

Hebrews 11:1-7, He Looked For A City

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