Psalm 8: 5-6; Hebrews 2:6-9

We all believe that life is the most valuable commodity of all. Certainly no one can dispute that. However, the next greatest or most important part of living life are the decisions we make in our service to God and each other. That is another way of asking “what are we doing, what have done with our lives?”

Some will reflect upon this question and wonder what they have or have not done. I assure you; you have done something with your life. Be it at play or in your home or in the workplace, we all have done something with our lives. The question that we must answer is, “have we done it in a way that glorified God or people?” There is a song that asks the question, **“What If God?” “What if God were unhappy with our praise? What if God is not pleased with the words we say? What if God were unhappy with the way we live? What if God were unhappy with the way we live? Would God take away His love and His Spirit from above? What if God were unhappy with our praise?**

Much of our living is in the pursuit of happiness. We have fully understood that happiness always comes from the outside. Happiness is always like pleasure connected to the external dimension of life and living. I wonder have we given any thought to the idea that as brief as life is we get bored with it. Life becomes monotonous, repetitive in its living. **Why?** Another significant thought to consider is this: There has never been anything in our lives that we have not grown tired of. There is not a thing in our lives that we have done that we possess or have done that ceases to please us after a while. There is nothing that completely satisfies a human being. There is no outcome, no result that utterly and completely satisfies us completely and for all times.

We live our lives pursuing dream after dream. We spend countless years in school or in training to accomplish a particular goal or career. In the end where do we find our joy. What gives us happiness? Can it be found in what we have been doing, in what we have been pursuing?

There will be some who became president and held leadership positions who did more harm than good. Sowed more hate and created more unrest in very short time than many in history. They will have lived but what did they contribute to the good of God or society. There will be others who became president and the country and world revered and added to society, yet in the end they to fade into the dustbin of history. Others who became dishwashers. Considered by some to be a job beneath them. When they cleaned, they made sure every dish, every spoon, knife and fork, every pot and pan was pristine. They entered the room with a smile. They lifted the spirits of those around them. People looked forward to seeing them. They brought the "A" game God gave them. They came giving not looking to receive. They were the empty vessels waiting on God to fill them.

The Psalmist asks the question what is (life) man that thou are mindful of (him) it?
Jesus asks the question "what does it profit a man to gain his whole life and lose his soul?" In both scriptures the value of life is not measured by how much you have but by your relationship with God. Understanding your relationship with God is and always has been paramount.

The Psalmist and the writer of Hebrews are asking us do we understand that we were made a little lower than the angels. Do we understand that in the world that God created humanity is the most important part of all creation? That in the created world God is most

concerned about us human beings. God is so concerned about us and the planet that God watches over us day and night. God gave us dominion over the planet and our lives. We get to choose how our lives and move on a day-to-day basis for the most part. At least attitudinally if not in fact. Yet much of what we do eventually becomes empty. **Why?** Is it because our focus is not in the right place. Where should our focus be? Is there a perspective we could embrace that would change every life around the world. **The answer is a resounding yes.**

Only what we do for Christ will last. Only what we do Christ brings satisfactory joy. Only what we do for Christ stands. Only our decisions for Christ matter. Only the love we demonstrate in service to Christ in marriage, friendships, relationships, in life will last.

Life, any life that finds its basis for existence in self and the world soon becomes empty and void of meaning. That kind of life lands on the island where the superficial and hollow live. It is a hologram of substance and meaning. Searching for that peace and joy that has eluded them all their lives. It is only when we find peace in Christ that we find peace in life. It is only when we find joy in Christ that we find joy in life. Until they find that peace in Christ. They wander in the darkness confused because they believed the darkness is the light and in their confusion never saw the path that leads to salvation and rescue. They did not embrace or believe that:

“Only What is Done For Christ Will Last.”

You may build great cathedrals large or small,
you can build skyscrapers grand and tall,
you may conquer all the failures of the past,
but only what you do for Christ will last.

Remember only what You do for Christ will last.
Remember only what you do for Christ will last,
only what you do for Him will be counted at the end;
only what you do for Christ will last.

You may seek earthly power and fame,
the world might be impressed by your great name,
soon the glories of this life will all be past,
but only what you do for Christ will last.

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only what you do for Him will be counted at the end;
only what you do for Christ will last.

Though your armies may control each hemisphere,
and your orbits out in space cause men to cheer,
your scientific knowledge may be vast,
but only what you do for Christ will last.

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only what you do for Christ will last.

Though your song and prayers are heard and praised by man,
they have no meaning unless you've been born again,
sinner, heed these words, don't let this harvest pass,
for only what you do for Christ will last.

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Blessings,
Pastor Gool