

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture reading: [2Peter 1:5-11](#).
- B. My thanks to David and Daniel Falkenheim for helping to arrange my being here today and speaking at this chapel service. What they don't know is that my coming here from Decatur, IL involved more than they think. I will be sending them the bill for my motel room, gasoline, and food expenses! It is good to be on campus again. I have been blessed to be at the last 4 Lectures each February. And Lord willing, my oldest son will be here as a student this Fall, meaning there are several more trips to Henderson in my future.

I. STAYING FOCUSED.

- A. My message is simple today. I want to try and help you as instructors, administrators, and especially students to stay focused on the important things; actually the most important thing.
- B. And that is--my focus and goal, and hopefully your focus and goal--is heaven.
- C. Going to heaven is why:
 - 1. We obey the plan of salvation in becoming a Christian.
 - 2. We want to worship God acceptably according to His word.
 - 3. We try and live the Christian life the best that we can.
 - 4. We are very careful to choose our mate and begin a family.
- D. But sometimes we allow other things to cloud our vision (2Pet. 1:9).
[For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.](#)
 - 1. An upcoming paper that is due.
 - 2. An upcoming test.
 - 3. Worries about job interviews.
 - 4. The indecision of what major to pursue.
 - 5. Financial problems.
 - 6. The furthering of a career.
- E. All of the above are important but they can keep our focus from being where it needs to be. Our focus needs to be that as a child of God we are heaven bound.
- F. As you reflect on your life, ask yourself how does all of this relate to your going to heaven?

II. THE ABUNDANT ENTRANCE.

- A. In our scripture text Peter uses a word that gets me excited. In 2Pet. 1:11 my NAS says:
[...for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.](#)
- B. My focus is on the term "abundantly supplied." According to W.E. Vine that word comes from *epichoregeo*, which to the Greeks meant to lead a stage chorus or dance and then to defray those expenses.
- C. Our entrance into the heavenly realm will be a grand one! A lavish production, filled with glory and excitement! And it has already been paid for... by what Jesus did at Calvary.
- D. So when the everyday rut of life gets you down remember the great goal--heaven. Keep your focus so that you can relax and put everything in proper perspective.

CONCLUSION.

- A. When it comes to family, job, school, and career--do your best!
- B. And keep your focus when things don't always go as you have planned.
- C. Never forget: God is preparing you for a grand and glorious entrance into His eternal kingdom, so that now you can say with the apostle Paul, "For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,"...(2Cor 4:17).
- D. Keep your eye on the goal, stay focused, and may God bless.