

Psalms 116:15 says, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones." (NASB)

This scripture is appropriate after the last couple of weeks. We have been "hit hard" with the death of many loved ones. Never have I done so many funerals so close together. It will take time for all of us to "recover."

A comforting thought comes from the verse above. God does not view death like we do. God sees death as the culminating act that completes His redemption of another soul. Satan can no longer tempt and pursue. All of the inequities of life are over. God is triumphant in the death of one of His saints.

To accept this comfort we need to think about life dimensionally. Life is not bound by the here and now. Our universe, as vast as it is, is not the only existence we will know. The goal is still heaven. The prize is still the upward call in Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:14). Our citizenship is in that better place that exists beyond the grave (Phil. 3:20).

David rightfully mourned over the loss of His infant son. In that story he gives us the attitude that will sustain us until we can be united with our departed loved ones, "Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me." (2Sam. 12:23). We cannot bring our loved ones back from the dead, but we can live in such a way that, we can, one day, be with them again. May the God of all comfort (2Cor. 1:3-4) richly bless us in our time of loss.

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