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Scripture Lesson:-2 Corinthians 5: 1 - 10.

Text:- 2 Corinthians 5: 1. "For we know, that if our earthly house were dissolved, we have a building of God, ab house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Introduction:- The apostle Paul is saying that the house we are living in, in this world, is a house that can easily be taken away from us. He says that "if our earthly house were dissolved" Have you ever been to the scene of a tornado. If you have you have seen how houses may be dissolved. We one time were to the scene and saw the people living in tents, pitched on the scene of the houses they had once lived in. The house was all gone. Dissolved, blown away. Yes, these are weak houses we live in. They are in constant danger. The body is also a tabernacle, a tent for the soul. It is like a tent because it is easily taken down, it is a movable house. This earthly house will soon be dissolved. "Though our outward man perish, yet the inner man is renewed day by day." Man has a soul as well as a body, and they will be separated at death.

According to this, the future life is a solid certainty. "We have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." This is the language of certainty. Paul was sure of a life beyond the present. Others might argue

will be corrected. To believe in the justice of God, we are forced to believe in another life.

### III.

It is the view of the distant that steadies us for the future. When the early pioneers crossed the desert and forded streams in their way to the west, they were sometimes baffled. One man would pick out a rock or a tree on the other side and keep his eye on it until the stream had been crossed. It was that distant look that enabled him to reach the other shore in safety. That distant look saved him from the surging waters about him. And, it is the distant look of the Christian that will save him from the corruption, wickedness and destruction about him. It is the belief in a future life that lifts the Christian above the present.

If the Christian will fix his mind on the blessedness of the future, it will thrill his soul, and take the sting out of the present. It will be a pleasant thing to meet the saints of all ages. They will come from the East and from the west, and from the North and the South to sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, in their kingdom. There is Moses who held communion with the Lord for forty days and nights on the mountain side. He came down from the mountain with so much of the Lord on his face that his fellows could not look upon him. We might mention Joshua, the three Hebrew children, Daniel, Job, and Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. They triumphed over the difficulties of their times. Perhaps, I should mention Peter, James and Paul,

the worlds greatest preacher. The all, kept true to the faith and went, at last, upward to be with God.

But, I think, the climactic scene will be the meeting of Jesus. To meet him, has been the hope and dream of the saints across the centuries. To meet Him, the worlds Savior and Redeemer, will be the great moment in the future life. Just to look upon His face and bask in the sunshine of eternal love, will repay us for every trial, & test,

Conclusion:- A saintly old man was nearing death's door. His daughter was watching over him with the faithfulness of an angel. She heard her father speaking with a very low voice. She rushed to his side and inquired what he wanted. He replied, as his spirit swept away, "Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all."

What will your word of counsel be in that day? Will it be a blessed time, or will it be a time of sorrow and distress? Will you see Jesus or will your eternal habitation be the <sup>hell</sup> lower world? God has left it all for you to decide. Which world shall it be? Will you respond to that question that the saint had addressed to him, "Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all." *Are you living & planning like this life was all & death was end? Many people are. God warns us there is a hereafter & this is the time to prepare for it. Each tick of the clock is bringing us nearer that time. We may not like to think of it or talk of it, why hush it up why*

Why never mention something  
That's going to happen

If you were going on a  
trip you would talk & plan

you say I want to live &  
enjoy life now, so do I so

do we all. you are only

prepared to live & enjoy  
life to the fullest when you  
are prepared to die.

Have you made that  
preparation. If god should  
call you today would it be well  
with your soul? would you  
go with cringing & fear or  
like one who wraps the drapery  
of his couch about him & lies  
down to pleasant dreams