

Almost There

“Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

Unless the Lord had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence”, Psalm 94:16-17.

Life is filled with peaks and valleys, especially when you get to the point of living away from the always available advice of your parents. Then suddenly you get to the day when everything literally falls into place, and your mind, with great joy, travels along the following path, “God is good, I am so pleased He is in my life!”

Consider Jesus. Jesus, at the age of twelve, was taken to Jerusalem by His parents for the Feast of Passover

During that visit Jesus spoke to, and heard the doctors of the law in His Father’s house. He was at the peak of a mountain.

His earthly parents, having spent three days looking for Him were in an earthly valley of frustration and worry.

God deliberately allows us to arrive at the peaks in our lives, that He might get us back into the valleys, where, as Mary did, keep the peaks in our hearts, that we shall have a greater knowledge of what He is leading us towards.

Friend, where are you right now? Some will be in a valley walking towards the next peak. Some will be in a valley at the base of the next Peak. Some will be ascending the next peak. Arriving at the top of the next peak, when we look back, we will see that each peak has been higher than the one before.

Our Lord’s disciples, as they walked with the Lord for nearly three and a half years, saw one blessing after another. They saw earthly water converted into heavenly wine, John 2:1-11. They saw a nobleman’s son healed, John 4:46-54. Peter saw his mother-in-law healed, Luke 4:38-39. A leper healed, Matthew 8:2-4. A widows son raised from the dead, Luke 7:12-16. The five thousand fed, and from the crumbs dropped, filled twelve baskets, 14:15-21. Jesus walked to the disciples in a storm on the lake, and Peter stepped out of the boat to walk on the water, Matthew 14:22-33.

For Jesus, as He shared The Passover with His disciples, He knew He was nearly there. He had one very deep valley to pass through to collect the keys of death and hell. He had one final peak to ascend, and He would be with His Father in His Father's throne room.

The disciples of Jesus Christ had no idea that they were about to enter a valley - they also were about to go through a very low-point. They did not attempt to climb a peak. They climbed a few steps, and locked the door so that the world could not get at them.

I, along with many others meet people, who when asked "Do you know Jesus?", will answer give a non-committal answer of "Yes" instead of "Yes, I have heard of Jesus!"

We also meet with those who John the Baptist called vipers, for they still have a forked tongue in their mouths. They make a committed statement on Sunday, but on Monday claim a better suggestion has been made, and they want to see how that would work out.

They will claim they are 'Almost there', when all they have done is climbed a few steps, and locked themselves into an earthly room supplied by Satan as an alternative.

They, in eternity, will find themselves in a deep and locked valley, and the keys they need to get out are still on the earth, and unretrievable.

Friends, the last peak that God will place before you, will deposit you at the Door of Eternity with a Heavenly Father.

In your life, what are your answers to the following questions, "Are you going in the right direction to get there?" and, "Are you almost there?" and 'Is almost there sufficient to get you through the door to spend eternity with God?'