

“The Glory of a Future Redemption”

Text: Romans 8:19-25

Scripture reading: II Peter 3

I. An unworthy comparison – vs. 18 (previous study)

II. A groaning creation – vv. 19-22

A) Longing for revelation – vs. 19 (Psalm 96:11-13)

B) Subject to futility, but hopeful – vv. 20-21 (II Pet. 3:13)

C) Pains till birth – vs. 22 (Is. 11:6-9)

III. A hopeful family – vv. 23-25

A) The first fruits – vs. 23 (II Cor. 1:21-22)

1. The completion of our _____ (II Cor. 5:6-8)

2. The completion of our _____ (I Cor. 6:19-20)

B) The unseen promise – vs. 24

C) The persistent waiting – vs. 25 (An application)

1. We walk by _____ (II Cor. 5:7)

2. We persevere in being _____ (Gal. 5:16)

3. We wait with _____

“The next time we hurt and become angry with God and shake our fist in His face and ask, “Why me?”, we must listen for the reply: “Why not you?” The real question is why God in His grace should store up for us in heaven a glory and blessedness so great that the suffering we endure now is not worthy to be compared to it.”

-R. C. Sproul

SERMON QUOTES:

II. A groaning creation

A) Longing for revelation

John Murray, (on the 'whole creation')

"...all of rational creation is excluded by the terms given to us in vv. 20-23. We are restricted, therefore, to non-rational creation, animate and inanimate."

B) Subject to futility, but hopeful

Martin Lloyd Jones,

"Poor old Nature tries every year to defeat the 'vanity', the principle of death and decay and disintegration that is in it. But it cannot do so. It fails every time. It still goes on trying, as if it feels things should be different and better; but it never succeeds."