



#5 There Will Come a Day ***Pastor Mike Chapman***

Today we are going to conclude this series of messages. We all struggle with God from time to time. Sometimes He seems inattentive. Sometimes He seems late. Sometimes he seems uncooperative. However, the witness of scripture is that God makes sense even when he doesn't make sense.

Today, we are going to look at an important Biblical truth that was articulated by a very old Gospel hymn ... *We will understand it better by and by!*"

Job Knew

Job 19:25-27, I know that my Redeemer lives, and he will stand upon the earth at last. And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God. I will see him for myself. Yes, I will see him with my own eyes. I am overwhelmed at the thought! NLT

This declaration was made in response to the "advice" he received from three "friends"—Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar.

From the pain of his current situation, Job knew there was **another day** for which he was destined..

Job longed for that day.

On that day, the worst will turn to the best.

He knew that this would be a day of **restoration**.

Paul Explained

1 Corinthians 13:9-12, Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless. When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. NLT

Paul is contrasting the **Now** and the **Then** of the Christian experience.

*Now, our understanding is **partial**. Then our understanding will be **complete**.*

*Now, we see things **imperfectly**. Then we will see everything **clearly**.*

The *Then* will occur when the perfect state of things is ushered at the **return of Jesus**.

John Gave Us a Picture

Revelation 21:1-7, Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live

with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God and they will be my children. NLT

There is coming a day, and what a day – glorious day – that will be!!