

"From Grief to Gladness"

Text: John 16:16-24

Scripture reading: Psalm 30

I. A time of confusion - vv. 18-19

Application: (Heb. 12:2)

II. A time of rejoicing - vv. 20-22

Application:

-Rom. 8:28

-II Cor. 4:11

-I Pet. 1:7 (Jas. 1:2-4)

-Heb12:11 (Ps. 30:5)

III. A time of promise - vv. 23-24

Application:

-Ps. 66:18-19

-Eph. 4:29-32

-Jas. 4:3

-II Cor. 12:7-10

-Phil. 4:6 (Jas. 1:7)

-Heb. 4:14-16

"Our greatest joys swim on the crests of the huge billows of trouble." - Charles H. Spurgeon

SERMON QUOTES:

Arthur Pink,

"Who is the most miserable person in the world? One might answer that the wicked, unsaved person surely must be because he is on his way to hell. But that is not true. The unsaved can enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season (Heb. 11:25). However, the true Christian cannot. The moment he accepts Jesus Christ as His Savior, the Holy Spirit takes up residence in his life. He can no longer enjoy a life of sin. Therefore, a Christian who is not right with God is the most miserable person in the world. His own carnal desires will not let him enjoy his Christianity, and the Holy Spirit will not let him enjoy his sin."

William Hendriksen,

"Crucifixion, resurrection, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit must not be separated. Jesus Himself has shown that they are inseparably linked, so that the one means nothing without the other."