

Things on Earth That are Eternal

I. Things That Are Not Eternal

1. Political promises

- Mt.22:21
- Golden Age of Athens (480-404 BC)

2. Personal relationships

Lk.20:27-36

- 35: closest relations on earth, yet...
 - 1 Pt.3:7
 - Some lives center around family... without thought of permanent relationship with God. Mt.10:37
- 36: no marriage (as angels)

3. Possessions

- 2 Co.4-5
 - 4:17, momentary; temporary
 - 4:18, opposite of eternal
 - 5:1, earthly (as compared to eternal)
 - 5:8, we must move . . .
 - 5:9-10, this is not all there is
 - Best is yet to come

4. Pleasures

- Hb.11:25-26
- Eccl.1:15, What is crooked cannot be made straight, And what is lacking cannot be numbered

5. Physical attraction

- Gn.6:2
 - Choice based on beauty doesn't last
 - U.S. obsessed with physical beauty

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II. Things That Are Eternal

1. Word of God

1. Mt.24:35

- Even after world burns, His Word remains
- Word is like an anvil

2. Hb.4:12

- Living, active, sharper...
- Hb.3:7, 11, reveals heart
 - 1 Co.14:24-25
 - Word is spiritual x-ray

2. Soul of man

1. Mt.10:28

- Distinguish body and soul
- Soul survives death

2. Lk.16

- Body buried
- Soul in torment

3. Mt.16:26

3. Church of Lord

Daniel 2: four kingdoms, 1000 years

Ch.7: emphasis: time of Lord's ascension (13f.)

- 17-18: saints receive kingdom; possess it forever
- 19-22: Rome prevailed against saints
- 23-25: blasphemy, persecution, religious feasts, new morality
- 27: everlasting kingdom. Mt.16; Ep.3
 - Hb.12:22

4. Love

1 Co.13:...3

- God loves us. Ps.8:3-4
 - Jn.3:16 . . .
 - Ro.5:10

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Our response –

- Mk.12:30, you shall love the LORD...
 - Mk.14:8-9
- Mk.12:31, love neighbor as yourself...
 - Lk.10:30-36, help
 - Ro.13:10, do no evil
 - Ro.15:2, edify

4. Love

“But Mt.24:12...”

- Some will stop loving Lord, but not all do
- God’s love never ends. 1 Co.13:13
 - Faith, Hb.11:1
 - Hope, Ro.8:24
 - Love, never ends

Philo: For men reckon the extreme penalty to be death; but in the divine court of justice this is scarcely the beginning

Heraclitis: The only constant in life is change

- True of earth and earthlings, but not true of God and eternity
- Ps.103:17