

Harmony of the Gospels
Part 12
“You Have Kept the Best For Last”

There is a story of a man who was out walking on the beach when he noticed another man there with his dog.

They greeted each other and then the man with the dog said to the other man **“Do you want to see something amazing?”**

He then threw a piece of driftwood out into the ocean and the dog immediately ran after it, only instead of swimming out to get the wood, the dog ran across the top of the water without penetrating the water.

As the dog ran back to his owner the visitor just stood there shaking his head in disbelief...

“Well, said the dog's master, did you notice anything unusual?”

“Yes”, said the visitor, **“Your dog can't swim can he?”**

Sometimes miracles are happening right in front of us and we don't even recognize them. Amazing things are happening in your life right now, The Lord is working in your life and you may not even see it happening.

- ☞ **Now, I debated** whether or not I should continue to bring to the pulpit, the experiences that I have been living through recently.
- ☞ **I don't want you to feel like** every time you come to church you are going to have to endure listening what I have been going through.
- ☞ **It just seems like** everywhere that we have been in our study through the Gospels, that I have had an illustration of it in my own life recently.
- ☞ **So please forgive me** if you are becoming weary of hearing about this all of the time...

Over the years I have spoken to many people who have lost loved ones that have passed away and gone to heaven.

- ☞ **I have counseled with them** and listened to their heart cries: **“Why did the Lord do this to me, why did He take them, they were everything to me...?”**

Many times, people get angry with the Lord for taking their loved one home, they become bitter and angry with the Lord, some even stop walking with the Lord because they are so hurt.

- ☞ **Well, now that I have been through this myself**, I feel that I am qualified to speak on it with some experience.
- ☞ **Listen**, what I saw when Elise left this earth was an absolute miracle, in fact it was the greatest miracle that I have ever seen.

My Baby had suffered for more than 30 years with a terrible disease that had ravaged her life.

- ☞ **Then in an instant**, she was healed.
- ☞ **Now she is perfect**, young and healthy, and happier than she would even be here on earth even if she had been healed while she was here.

The other day I received a call from Elsie's brothers wife Fannie, she often receives dreams from the Lord.

- ☞ **Fannie called to tell** me that she has a dream where the family was all together in one of those wonderful family get togethers that we often had.
- ☞ **Suddenly Elsie was standing there** as she appeared out of heaven, wearing a long flowing white garment.
- ☞ **Fannie said that Elsie** was so beautiful and young and just glowing, and she told Fannie that she was so happy, not to worry about her that she was doing great.

Now, I already knew all of these things, because I believe what the Bible says about what happens to a person who passes away, so I already knew how happy Elsie is.

- ☞ **But what a wonderful confirmation** that was to my heart.
- ☞ **You see**, I was an eyewitness of the greatest miracle that I had ever seen in my life.
- ☞ **I saw someone who loves Jesus go home...**
- ☞ **So, I find that I cannot focus on myself, because to me what happened what the greatest proof of Gods love for us, that I have ever seen.**
- ☞ **I find that** because I really believe that Elsie is so happy and perfect, that I really cannot be sad myself.
- ☞ **This is because I believe** what the Lord said, that what happened was His power and His love working in my life and Elsie's life.

As we get into Jesus first miracle that He performs here in John chapter 2, we can just read through it and say, "**Well so what, turning water into wine, what's the big deal?**"

- ☞ **Listen, everyone of you** are going to reach a place in your life where you are really going to need to see a miracle in your life to help you make it through a present difficulty.
- ☞ **There is a moment coming**, if it has not already come, when you will need the Lord to speak to you out of your circumstances and give you some hope.

So, as we see Jesus come to the wedding at Cana, **remember what you hear this morning, because at some time in the future, when you need it the most**, the Lord will bring this study to your remembrance and show you things from this morning that will absolutely blow your mind.

- ☞ **He has done it for me**, and I know that He will do it for you, do you believe this?

The first miracle:

John 2:1-11

1 On the **third day** there was **a wedding** in Cana of Galilee, and **the mother of Jesus was there**.

Now remember that every event of Jesus life is following a carefully planned, carefully executed purpose that the Father has, that He determined before He made the Universe.

- ☞ **Not one event of Jesus life**, is outside of the careful planning of the Father.
- ☞ **Even as not one event of your life** is outside of the planning of the Father.
- ☞ **Do you realize** that every place you go, every person you meet, everything that is happening in your life right now, Jesus has already been there and has already planned an awesome blessing for you out of it.
- ☞ **So, this wedding at Cana**, is very important in our understanding of who Jesus really is.

I cannot think of a happier event than a wedding, whether it is yours or someone that you love, it is a joyous event.

- ☞ **There are friends there**, family, everyone is happy and excited to see the couple begin their lives.
- ☞ **There is food, Food is always good, especially when its free!**
- ☞ **There is dancing** and celebrating, it is an awesome time.

That is why one of the first events that you and I are going to experience after the Rapture happens and Jesus removes us from the earth and we meet Him in the atmosphere of the earth, will be a huge wedding.

Revelation 19:7

Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, **for the marriage of the Lamb has come**, and His wife (**You**) has made herself ready.

There will be a wedding feast beyond imagination, where we all sit down together and eat a glorious meal together, and guess who the waiter will be?

Luke 12:37

Blessed are those servants whom the master, **when he comes, will find watching**. Assuredly, I say to you that **he (Jesus) will gird himself and have them sit down to eat**, and He will come and serve them.

Jesus said that at this Marriage feast that we will have in heaven, He is going to come and serve us.

- ☞ **What a beautiful representation** for us of how great our need is to really begin to serve each other now while we are still here on the earth.
- ☞ **Listen, you and I**, by submitting our lives to Jesus because He purchased us with His own blood, **He has made all of us SERVANTS**.

I hear people tell me all of time how they just want to serve the Lord, How they are just a servant...

Really?

- ☞ **Do you know** how you can tell whether you really are a servant yet?
- ☞ **By how you react** when people start treating you like a servant.

“Hey you cant talk to me like that...Hey how come no body acknowledges me when I do things, why doesn't anyone say thank you?”

“Hey why don't people hug me when I come in or notice that I am here, why are people not more sensitive to me and my needs...?”

Do you think that a servant goes to his master and says these kinds of things to Him? no way

A true servant has come to the realization that this is not all about me, it is all about other people...

- ☞ **If we really are a servant** as we claim we are, then we don't claim any rights for ourselves.
- ☞ **We don't say** “Hey what about me”, we say “Hey what about everyone else.”
- ☞ **If you really are a servant then when people treat you like a servant, why do you get your feelings hurt.**
- ☞ **If you sincerely are Jesus servant** then why do you get mad when your opinions are not listened to?

A true servant of Jesus never insists of any rights for themselves, they never ask for recognition, they never need to be heard, they just want to serve, without ever being acknowledged, rewarded, or heard.

There are really just 3 kinds of Servants:

1. **Slaves**, those who only serve Jesus **because they fear Him**.
2. **Hirelings**, those who only serve Jesus **for what they can get out of it**.
3. **Sons and Daughters**, those who serve Jesus **because they Love Him so much**.

Listen brothers and sisters, If we find that we are getting hurt or angry because we are not getting something that we think we need here, then we really need to examine our own heart and ask ourselves, **Am I really a servant?**

Because a true servant is so busy just trying to serve that they doesn't even notice whether or not anyone acknowledges them, or listens to them.

John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, than to **lay down one's life** for his friends.

Jesus came to lay His life down for us, Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve us, everything that he did was to benefit us, to bless us.

Matthew 20:28

just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Here we find that the very first miracle that Jesus performs, is at a wedding feast.

- ☞ **In the Jewish tradition**, many times these weddings would last for 7 days.
- ☞ **Wow, that sounds familiar**, how long is the marriage feast going to last after the Rapture? **Seven years...**
- ☞ **While the Tribulation** is going on down here on earth, there is going to be a wedding in heaven, **all you have to do to be invited to this wedding is give your life to Jesus Christ and live for Him.**

John 2

2 Now **both Jesus and His disciples** were invited to the wedding.

- ☞ **When a wedding was held**, everyone in the town was invited to the event, it was considered an insult to not come to any wedding.

Jesus spoke of a wedding in Matthew chapter 22, about what it is going to take for us to make it to heaven.

Matthew 22

1 And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said:

2 **“The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king (the Father) who arranged a marriage for his son, (Jesus)**

3 and sent out his servants (**The Prophets of the O/T**) to call those who were invited to the wedding; and **they were not willing to come. (The Nation of Israel)**

4 Again, he sent out other servants, (**Jesus, the Disciples**) saying, “Tell those who are invited, ‘See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. **Come to the wedding.**”’ (**Again to Israel**)

5 But **they made light of it** and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. (**They were too busy to follow Jesus**)

6 And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them.

7 But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. (**What He did to Jerusalem in 70 A.D.**)

8 Then he said to his servants, “The wedding is ready, but **those who were invited were not worthy.** (**What made them not worthy?, they wouldn’t come**)

9 Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’ (**Every person ever born is invited**) (**Luke adds “Hedges”, to find the street people**)

10 So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, **both bad and good.** And the wedding hall was filled with guests. (**When the end of the age happens and Jesus comes for us**)

11 “But when the king came in to see the guests, **he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.**

12 So he said to him, “Friend, **how did you come in here without a wedding garment?**’ And **he was speechless.**

13 Then the king said to the servants, “**Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**’

14 “For many are called, but few are chosen.”

It was their tradition in this part of the world that when they had public wedding or festivals, those who attended would be provided long white robes.

- ☞ **I thought that it was interesting** that when my sister-in-law saw Elsie in heaven in her dream, she had on a long white gown.
- ☞ **During any wedding** they always provided the wedding guests with wedding clothes, long white robes.
- ☞ **But it is important to notice here** that your clothes for the wedding were provided for you.
- ☞ **It was considered a great insult** to enter a wedding feast with your own clothing.
- ☞ **In fact**, they even considered it such an insult to their traditions that if someone who came with their own clothing, they were worthy of punishment.

We see an example of this in the Book of Zephaniah

Zephaniah 1:7-8

7 Be silent in the presence of the Lord GOD; For the day of the LORD is at hand, For the LORD has prepared a sacrifice; **He has invited His guests.**

8 “And it shall be, In the day of the LORD’S sacrifice, That I will punish the princes and the king’s children, And **all such as are clothed with foreign apparel.**

By the man coming to the wedding with his own clothes, he was insulting the host and saying that the clothes that would be provided for him were not good enough or not acceptable to him.

- ⊖ **The reality of this is** that we cannot make it into heaven clothed by our own works or goodness, **good people do not go to heaven, saved people go to heaven.**
- ⊖ **We must have our sins cleansed** and **be clothed with the Lords righteousness**, because the Lord says that all of our righteousness is like “*Filthy Rags*”

Isaiah 64:6

But we are all like an unclean thing, **And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags;**

Revelation 19:7

Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife **has made herself ready.**”

We make our self ready by accepting Jesus sacrifice on the Cross, as the payment for all of our sins, and thereby we are made righteous.

Revelation 3:18

(Jesus Speaking) I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and **white garments, that you may be clothed,** that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see

The Gold that is bought from Jesus is the Gold of His righteousness, that is given to you without cost to you, at the moment that you invite Jesus into your life and ask Him to cleanse you of all of your sins...

Isaiah 61:10

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; **For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation**

It wasn't that the man was at a wedding that he was not invited to...

The man who was at the wedding **was invited**, but notice **that he doesn't have on the proper clothing to attend a wedding.**

- ⊖ **This is an example** of the person who wants to go to heaven, but not come through Jesus Christ.
- ⊖ **The Bible is very specific** in that **it makes it clear** that the only way to heaven is through Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God and **one Mediator** between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

Acts 4:12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name than Jesus, under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. **No one** comes to the Father except through Me

Why only ONE WAY?

- ☞ **The Lord wanted to make it very simple** for us to make it into heaven so he made the way very simple for us to understand.

Just accept Jesus sacrifice on the Cross as payment for all of your sins and then live for Jesus the rest of your life, and you will be saved.

- ☞ **But, sadly** many people hear what I just said to you and understand it with their mind, **but never let it sink down into their heart and then respond to Jesus.**
- ☞ **Listen, You can miss heaven by just 18 inches**, the distance between you brain and your heart.
- ☞ **It is not enough** to just hear about Jesus and know about Him, **you must respond to Jesus** in sincerity and in truth, or you will not be saved.

The only person who doesn't like that Jesus is the only way to heaven, is a person who really doesn't want to be saved anyway.

- ☞ **If you were condemned** to an eternity in prison and someone showed you a single way out, would you take it or complain about it being only one way?
- ☞ **Just how many ways** do we need anyway? **just one good way.**

Truth is always narrow and absolute did you know that?

Matthew 7:13-14

13 "**Enter by the narrow gate**; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

14 Because **narrow is the gate and difficult is the way** which leads to life, and there are few who find it

Jesus said that the gate to heaven is a very narrow way, just one way, that is why it is difficult for many people.

- ☞ **This is how truth, real truth**, always is, it is very narrow.
- ☞ **I bet you that you believe in a narrow truth**, you just have not thought about it very much.
- ☞ **How many of you** don't really care if you husband or wife is faithful to you, "*let them decide for themselves, I am not that narrow minded.*"

- ⊕ **No, you want and you expect** your husband or wife to be faithful to just you, that is an absolute.
- ⊕ **How many of you don't really care** if your kids become drug addicts, you know, *"let them figure out truth for themselves..."*
- ⊕ **No way**, we want our kids to choose the narrow way, of not taking drugs, to live healthy and happy lives.
- ⊕ **You see, truth, real** truth is always narrow and defined, it is never wide and left open to dispute.

So God made one way for us to be saved, and He proved that Jesus was that ONE way by claiming that after Jesus was crucified, He would be raised from the dead.

- ⊕ **The question of** *"Did Jesus Christ really raise from the dead"*, is today, a matter of historical fact, and not open to dispute, it happened.
- ⊕ **Check out your history**, men have tried to disprove Jesus resurrection before, every time, they have found that **from the historical record**, Jesus rose from the dead.

Think about this, There has never been anyone in all of history, who claimed to be the only way to heaven **that proved it** by raising themselves from the dead, except Jesus.

So, this wedding here in Cana, the first place that Jesus will do a miracle to prove that He is the Only way, is extremely important.

John 2

- 3 And when **they ran out of wine**, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."
- 4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."
- 5 His mother said to the servants, "**Whatever He says to you, do it.**"

- ⊕ **There was an unwritten law** in the Jewish culture of hospitality that said that it was considered highly improper to let your guests run out of anything during a wedding.
- ⊕ **So Mary was simply responding** to an important need, and notice who she goes to Jesus.
- ⊕ **Mary knows** that Jesus is able to meet her need

What is your need this morning?

- ⊕ **Listen, only Jesus has the power** to meet that need in exactly the way that you need it to be met.
- ⊕ **So why don't you call on Him right now** and just say *"Lord Jesus please help me"*

Change begins with us realizing and then admitting that we have need.

- ⊕ **Help comes** when we humble ourselves and **call upon the one that made us**, because He delights in helping you, but He will not help you unless you ask Him to.

- ☞ **If you want to do it yourself**, He will allow you the freedom to do it yourself, He loves you so much that after He gave you the power of free choice, **He will not violate your power of self choice.**
- ☞ **But if you have tried it yourself** and it is just not working out, call on Him right now, **He will not refuse you**, if you humble yourself under His might hand.

2 Samuel 22:28

You will save the humble people; But Your eyes are on the haughty, that You may bring them down.

Psalms 10:17

LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble;

Psalms 25:9

The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way

Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, **With him who has a contrite and humble spirit**, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

There is help for you that is available right now, if you will humble yourself under His might hand...

- ☞ **Having our deepest needs met depends on where we go with our need.**
- ☞ **Jesus is able** to meet your deepest desire this morning.
- ☞ **If we go to Jesus**, we will never be disappointed.

Romans 9:33

But anyone who believes in Jesus will not be disappointed."

Romans 10:13

For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.

Now, you might read these verses here in John chapter 2 and say, "**Jesus is being disrespectful to his mother, listen to the tone of his words to her...**"

John 2

3 And when **they ran out of wine**, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

4 Jesus said to her, "**Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me?** My hour has not yet come."

In Greek "Ti emoi Kai soi gunaï"

The Greek word for Woman here "**Gunai**", **is a term of endearment or respect**, today it would be like calling someone "a Lady", it means a term of respect.

- ☞ **Jesus was not being harsh with Mary**, He was respectfully asking her if she understood that His life was in the Fathers hands, and there was a time appointed for Jesus to be revealed to the world as the Savior.
- ☞ **That time was not when Mary wanted** Jesus to be known, it was Gods timing.

Why is it that we always want the Lord to work out His will in our **life as long as it is RIGHT NOW, and OUR WAY?**

It is like the little boy that had been misbehaving and so he was sent to his room.

After a while he came back out of his room and informed his mother that he had thought talked to the Lord about it in prayer and that he was sorry.

"That's great honey", his mother said. **"You know If you ask the Lord to help you to not misbehave, He will help you."**

Her little boy said: *"Oh, I didn't ask the Lord to help me to not misbehave," "I asked Him to help you put up with me."*

We don't want for the Lord to change us, we want the Lord to change everyone else.

We don't want the Lord to give us more ability to deal with the circumstances of our life, we want Him to REMOVE THE CIRCUMSTANCES FROM OUR LIFE...

Right now, in your life, you have or don't have, exactly what the Lord wants for you to have or not have.

- ☞ **You might think** you need this person to stop bugging you, but the Lord knows that **you need this person bugging you, because it lets you see just how much you need your own bad attitude changed.**
- ☞ **You might not like the pain** that you feel in your life, but the Lord knows that this pain will draw you closer to Jesus than you ever have been in your life.

Whatever you have it is exactly what you need to have, it doesn't need to change, you need to change...AREN'T YOU GLAD YOU CAME THIS MORNING?

John 2

6 Now there were set there **six waterpots** of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.

- ☞ **6 water pots:** these pots were normally used by the people for ceremonial washing, each pot contained about 20-30 gallons.
- ☞ **The Bible says** that we are like these stone water pots.
- ☞ **What condition are they in?** THEY ARE EMPTY.

Why are they empty? Because a personal relationship with the Living God was missing.

- ☞ **Human beings** were made by their Creator to find their fulfillment and satisfaction in knowing and loving and being loved by their Creator.
- ☞ **If you live your life** without this personal, living relationship with the Lord, then you will find that you are empty and not satisfied with life.
- ☞ **But if you take the Stone pot of your life** and begin to fill it up with a relationship with the Lord, you will find that you will be satisfied and fulfilled.
- ☞ **I know this**, because for 31 years I have lived this kind of life, and I have never once failed to feel satisfied and fulfilled.
- ☞ **Listen there are Christians here this morning** that you sometimes feel empty, **do you know why?**
- ☞ **Too much of the world**, and too little of Jesus.
- ☞ **Too much pursuing material things** that never satisfy, and too little time spent with Jesus and His Word.

For me, Even when that which I loved the most on this earth was gone, I still was satisfied and fulfilled, because I still had My Lord living inside me...and really Jesus is all I really need!

John 2

7 Jesus said to them, "**Fill the waterpots with water.**" And they filled them up **to the brim.**
8 And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it.

See what Jesus wants to do in your life? "**Fill you up to the Brim**", right up to the top...

John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. **I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly**

Are you experiencing the "**Abundant Life?**"

- ☞ **You are filling your pot** with the wrong stuff.
- ☞ **Start filling your pot with Jesus**, knowing Him better through reading His Word and spending time talking to Him, then your pot will be filled.

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom.

Isaiah 55:1-2

1 "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk **Without money and without price.**
2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy?"

Listen why is it that we all think that if we can just win the next 300 million dollar lottery then everything else in our life will be OK

The only lady that was in the 8 that just won the nations largest Lottery prize of 365 million dollars, said when asked how she would spend her winnings: "Well I just want to invest it the right way so that it will last me the rest of my life..."

- ☞ **But you know what?** At the very best, that is all it is going to last, for the rest of your life, **and then what will you have?**

Matthew 16:26

For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

- ☞ **Did you know** that almost everyone that wins the lottery **does not find that their lives are happier, but that actually their lives were destroyed** by having all of this sudden wealth?

We want the best right now, but we forget that the best is not ever going to be right now while we live here on this earth in these bodies, the best is going to come when Jesus comes for us.

- ☞ **These last verses** here in our study this morning, in Jesus own words, show us the reality of this:

John 2

9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.

10 And he said to him, "**Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!**"

11 This **beginning of signs** Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and **His disciples believed in Him.**

- ☞ **During a wedding celebration**, because they could last as long as a week, —it was customary for the best wine to be given first and the lesser quality wine later.
- ☞ **Your 1st impression is usually a lasting one**—as the people tasted the quality wine at the first they were impressed with the hosts provision for the celebration.
- ☞ **As the celebration continued**, the taste buds of the guests became less sensitive to the quality, so the lesser quality was given.

The deeper meaning of this seems to be that Jesus is showing us that in this world, they put out the best that they have to offer at first, then later after you have obtained the

goals and the material accomplishments you wanted, **you find that they were not as satisfying or lasting as you thought they would be** when you were pursuing them.

- ☞ **On the other Hand**, when you follow Jesus and serve Him, in this life you may experience hardship, pain and loss, but when it is all over and you leave this life, there is a better life, and richer, fuller, more satisfying life waiting for us.
- ☞ **This is the later wine** that Jesus gives now to the wedding guest, as if to say, don't get to excited about this present life, there is a real life waiting for you.
- ☞ **As the first wine** that they served here at the wedding at **first was not nearly as good as the wine that Jesus gave them later**, so also is the real life that is waiting for those who love the Lord.

It is just a part of our fleshly nature that we all are pursuing material things, moments of pleasure and enjoyment and personal satisfaction.

- ☞ **But There is something deep within us** that keeps asking, "*Is this all there is to life?*"
- ☞ **While the Holy Spirit is saying**, "*No this life is not all there is, there is real life waiting for you the moment you leave your body and are finally home with the Lord.*"
- ☞ **So why not begin this morning** with dreaming of that new life that awaits, instead of worrying and striving so much over this present life.

2 Corinthians 4:18

while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Psalms 16:11

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore