Daily Devotion #98

Reserved for You

1 Peter 1:3-4 – *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.”*

Have you ever been somewhere that had reserved seating? If it was reserved for you, you probably felt an inner tingle that said you were special. Or you were humbled and a little embarrassed to be treated so importantly. But perhaps you were not the one designated to sit in the reserved seating or at the reserved table - that’s a different feeling. Kind of like you don’t fully measure up to the importance of someone else.

What I love about our Lord is that He has reserved a special “seat” for all of His children. There will be no one, who has abandoned themselves and confessed their great need for Christ to save them, left out of His Kingdom. No matter who you have been in this life, great or small in the eyes of others, Jesus has reserved a seat in heaven just for you.

The purpose behind Peter’s letter is to encourage the Christians who had been sorely mistreated. They were under great persecution which caused them to scatter. They were literally running for their lives. As you can imagine, that brought a great deal of anxiety to them. And no doubt they needed someone to help them see and hear God and be reminded that He had not forgotten them. In effect, they needed to know how they could live with hope in the middle of such a godless society. That phrase becomes the theme of the whole letter. Peter would write words of truth and comfort to help them refocus their spiritual vision from their earthly troubles, whatever they were, to heavenly realities that would never be taken from them.

Notice Peter tells them that it was God who made their salvation possible. He was the One who had their salvation in His heart and mind. He caused them to be born again by providing His Son as the gateway to God’s eternal Kingdom. And as you see in verse three, that would give anyone a cause to rejoice and live in hope. Jesus had given His life for them and was raised to life through the power of His resurrection, so they would be eternally secure.

Further Peter says that Jesus died for them so that they would have such a great inheritance. An inheritance that would never fade away. The gift of God’s Kingdom will never be taken from them or broken down. The elements of time and the evils of sin will never cause their salvation to be removed from them. As any performance or party or dinner where you have been the special guest ends, your salvation never ends. And the most blessed part is, it is being reserved just for you and for me.

Has anyone ever stolen your inheritance? Taken all of the goods, the money, the stuff when it was intended for you. Regardless of this situation, regardless of who you have been in this life or who you have not been in this life, regardless of what you are currently experiencing with your job or health or finances or whatever, your joy is not dependent on what this life has or is all about. Your joy is dependent on who Jesus is and what He has done for you. And according to Peter, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, you have a great inheritance which no one can take from you.

Don’t let this life and all its ungodliness discourage you. Live for Jesus the best you are able, from your heart, and remember He has reserved His Kingdom for you.