

and strongly endorsed in the New. Consider the time of Esther for an Old Testament illustration and Peter's imprisonment in the New. (The enemy sometimes looks like he is winning as in the case of Herod's killing of James but...in the total picture...) As we give ourselves to Him and declare His providence and grace, we realize that our heritage has been a continuing blessing factor on the whole pathway. We do not need to collapse or give in to ferocious circumstances...our heritage is one of victory and we are more than overcomers in the Lord.

C. It is our joy to perpetuate it (to tell others)

So we witness...we live it out, we praise and rejoice in the Lord. We can become so enthusiastic about worldly things it should be no great marvel to be outspoken for this heavenly state. The more we promote the Lord, the greater security we establish for ourselves and the better we are able to deal with contrary affairs.

III. Conclusion: Honor your heritage. God is not going to fail. He is not going to fail us. His ways and plans are different from ours and His methods are not under our control. But His constancy and faithfulness are the hallmarks of His love. That is our heritage. We are loved of God. And if God be for us.....The psalm writer knew it, too, and it enabled him to live spiritually in a time of crisis just as it will do for us.

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An informal word about the fellowship of Skylands preachers...just an inserted note. That has been one of the great benefits of the conference....sharing the ministry with other brethren and enjoying the company and ministry. I have never had a bad experience at Skylands (can't speak for the other fellows, of course) in that I had been teamed with some disagreeable servant---or something like that I have mentioned a few as I have ploughed through this material but not all by any means. Two of my favorite co-workers are Phil Morgan and Alan Parks...both of whom to some extent are cut out of the same sort of material. They have been special blessings for me. I have enjoyed the fellowship of John Phillips and Laman Strauss and many years ago, E.W. Rogers and Stan Ford. I am not trying to catalogue them in any order but I am appreciative of the efforts of the conveners to bring compatible brethren to serve the people of the conference. I have rather grown old with this conference and am delighted to see younger men coming to the fore of the ministry and trust that the sharing of God's Word will be a continual delight.