

in a brief compass. I wrote and got a large number of copies of his sermon and have now put them on the table at the back and I don't say necessarily read it now, but I think you ~~would~~ would be very wise to take a copy and keep it where you will have these quotes available in convenient form, for I am sure you will have occasion to use them in the future.

But that's not what I intended to speak about today. My subject is taken from 2 Cor. 4:17-18 verses. There we have a statement which I think has great importance in our lives. "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all, so we fix our eyes not on what is seen but on what is unseen, for what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

On a beautiful day like today as summer is approaching it is very easy to look at what is seen-- to look at the trees budding, the flowers coming out, the lovely situation outside and think how nice it would be to go out and sit under a tree, or have a game of volley ball instead of going to classes and studying. How easy it is to see the present immediate situation, and not think about the future. But if we are going to make a future that is worthwhile we have to think about the future.

There are two elements in the unseen. There is the present which is not visible which is the most important. God's presence, God's power, God's relation to us, the grace of Christ--unseen. But more important than any of these things that are seen. Also, the things we don't see that are coming in the future.

There will be examinations in a few weeks. Sometime we hope there will be graduation for all of you. Beyond that there will be years, we hope, decades, we hope of service for the Lord. What you do today in relation to what is unseen has a very definite relation to what is going to happen in the future. We must live today in relation to the seen and also in relation to the unseen.

There are those who keep their eyes on the unseen to such an extent that they lose all touch with that which is seen. There are very few who make that mistake, but there are a few. Occasionally you hear of someone loving the Lord, wishing to serve Him, but putting such an emphasis on the unseen that they are unrealistic completely in their lives. They are so heavenly minded that they are no earthly good.

I don't think there are many of us who are apt to have that temptation, though it is ~~so~~ sad that some of the very finest prospective servants of the Lord, a very few, but some, do fall into it. So I want to stress today that it does not say that the seen is not real. It does not say the seen is not important. It does not say that the seen is evil, in itself, but it says that what is seen is temporal. We have to live and