

that with peace of mind and lack of anxiety we do so much better than when we are all tense.

A person who has studied hard during the semester should feel relaxation and do much much better than if he should just cram for the finals. But in all the affairs of our lives, if we have hope in Christ, if we know that he has the future in His hands and that He knows exactly what is going to happen and he has his plans for each of us, we can relax and we can trust in Him. We read in Heb. 12:2, Let us fix our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross. No joy in the cross. But for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

We can look forward to our life with hope if we are in Christ. If we are trusting him we can know that whatever comes in the future that it is in accordance with his will. We can have trust in Him. We read in Heb. about those who through all their lives are terrified with fear of death. The one who has no hope for the future can be terrified, at the thought of death. The thought of misery. The thought of not knowing what's ahead. But the one who knows Christ can only rejoice in the hope set before him, in the knowledge that he has the certainty that he will be with Christ forevermore.

The one who has hope and perseverance. He works hard. He fulfills what is before him even though human speaking he may not see how it will accomplish much.

I remember back in 1943 when school started. A young man came, registered. He had already been ordered to be inducted into the armed forces. But he did not know. He might receive his call the next day. It might be 6 months. He did not know. I was so impressed that instead of being as most of us would be wondering how soon will I ~~go~~ go? Will it come today? Will it come tomorrow? Will I have a little longer here? Instead of that he came and registered to get what knowledge of the Bible he could. He came and for some weeks he studied hard. He attended his classes. When the notice came he would go. But he had the hope that beyond this he would have opportunities to use what he would learn. So he persevered. He worked hard. He studied. I thought what an example for most of us who tend to get excited and worried about what is ahead. I have rarely seen a man who was able to be so calm in a situation of uncertainty.

But after all all of life is filled with uncertainty. We do not know what is ahead in the immediate future. We do not know what's ahead in the distant future. We don't know whether we will live our lives out in peace or not. We see economic conditions in the world in great uncertainty. We wonder will ~~be~~ they be straightened out? Can they be straightened out? Can a country which owes practically a trillion dollars which the government has to turn over and over and constantly be borrowing and thus competing with every industry in the country for credit, can you expect interest rates ever to get down? to a point where there can be normal life.