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**HOMESICK FOR HEAVEN!
Philippians 1:23**

For I am in a strait betwix two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

In the book of Philippians chapter 1 we find joy in triumphing over suffering.

This chapter could be effortlessly outlined like this:

- II. Paul's Friends. (verses 1-11)
- II. Paul's Findings. (verses 12-18)
- III. Paul's Future. (verses 19-26)
- IV. Paul's Foes. (verses 27-30)

It is while the Apostle Paul is dealing (under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit) with "Paul's Future" that a person sees that the great "Moses of the New Testament" was clearly homesick for Heaven. (verse 23)

One Bible student of another century once wrote about our text, "The hour of death is to the christian the birthday of endless life."

Friend, you and I (those of us that are saved) ought to have in our hearts a longing for that land of forever happiness!

There are three truths that cause this evangelist to be homesick for Heaven:

I. THE PRESENT ANARCHY.

A fact that is the reason I'm homesick for Heaven is the present anarchy. (II Timothy 3:1) Every day newspaper headlines, radio stations and television newscasters chronicle that this is the hour when "the inmates are running the asylum." If Noah was alive this hour, he would be asking us why we are not in the boat building business. (Matthew 24:37 & 38) The present anarchy!

II. THE PERVASIVE APOSTASY.

A fact that is the reason I'm homesick for Heaven is the pervasive apostasy. (II Thessalonians 2:3) A person does not need binoculars to see the defection, dereliction and desertion of the fundamentals in our churches and colleges! News flash: It is impossible to blow kisses at heresy and give false teaching a black eye at the same time! (Jude 3b) The pervasive apostasy!

III. THE PARAMOUNT ANTICIPATION.

A fact that is the reason I'm homesick for Heaven is the paramount anticipation. (Revelation 22:20) The present anarchy and the pervasive apostasy is the wood that is to build the fire in the believer's soul for the soon return of the Saviour. Watching for Jesus and working for Jesus are... SIAMESE TWINS! (Luke 19:13) The paramount anticipation!