



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

John 8: 13-20

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

"I am going away and you will look for me,
but you will die in your sin.

Where I am going you cannot come."

So the Jews said,

"He is not going to kill himself, is he,
because he said, 'Where I am going you cannot come'?"

He said to them, "You belong to what is below,
I belong to what is above.

You belong to this world,
but I do not belong to this world.

That is why I told you that you will die in your sins.

For if you do not believe that I AM,
you will die in your sins."

So they said to him, "Who are you?"

Jesus said to them, "What I told you from the beginning.

I have much to say about you in condemnation.

But the one who sent me is true,
and what I heard from him I tell the world."

They did not realize that he was speaking to them of the Father.

So Jesus said to them,

"When you lift up the Son of Man,
then you will realize that I AM,

and that I do nothing on my own,
but I say only what the Father taught me.
The one who sent me is with me.
He has not left me alone,
because I always do what is pleasing to him."
Because he spoke this way, many came to believe in him.

Our Scripture Reflection

The Pharisees led very static lives simply maintaining the status quo. Because they had no vision the words and works of Jesus made no sense. When Jesus spoke of laying down His life and that it would be taken up again, they thought He was nuts! In their close mindedness, they could not grasp that the Savior was in their midst and speaking to them.

Food for your Journey

Speaking of human nature and divine nature: In *The Purpose Driven Life*, Rick Warren says the problem with our human nature is that we "get distracted by minor issues." Then he explains: "We play Trivial Pursuit with our lives. Henry David Thoreau observed that people live lives of 'quiet desperation,' but today a better description is aimless distraction. Many people are like gyroscopes spinning around at a frantic pace but never going anywhere. ... If you want your life to have impact, focus it! Stop dabbling. Stop trying to do it all. Do less. Prune away even good activities and do only that which matters most. Never confuse activity with productivity. You can be busy without a purpose, but what's the point?"

A Prayer from the Heart

Precious Lord, You came into this life for one reason: to save me from my sins. You came to give Your Life for me knowing that Your Father would vindicate You and raise You up. Lord, help me to be keenly aware of the price You paid on Calvary. May I be humbled by Your sacrifice and motivated to live my life as You desire. Amen