

SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION

JEREMIAH 9:23-24

Thus says the Lord, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the Lord.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:56-58

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

HEBREWS 12:2-3

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION

DESCRIPTION

A prayer that Christ would be our aim above all that the world has to offer.

VERSES

The author of Ecclesiastes was a man who pursued everything to its utmost in order to find satisfaction in this life. However, all the wisdom, sex, money, power, or fame that this world has to offer did not keep him from concluding, "vanity of vanities, all is vanity" (Eccles. 1:2). This is because there is no amount of anything in which one can find fulfillment apart from God (Eccles. 12:13-14). On a similar note, the Apostle Paul would later write, "More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ" (Phil. 3:8).

This song desires to bring this reality face to face with the Christian and to orient our soul to that which gives true meaning and purpose to life: Christ Jesus. It is He who ought to be our focus, not the distractions of this world. It is His victory in which we celebrate and benefit, not our own. It is His kingdom, which is like the treasure found in the field (Matt. 13:44) that we ought to cherish, not our kingdom. More so, we are to pursue these things regardless of whatever circumstances we may find ourselves in, we ought to "seek <u>first</u> His kingdom and His righteousness" (Matt. 6:33). Truly, may our vision be singularly "fixed" on Him.