

## What About My Future? John 21:18-19

We do not know fully what our future holds for us. We know in part so far as the Word tells us of upcoming events.

- A. We know that we will one day be with our Lord.
- B. We know that will happen through death or the rapture of the Church.
- C. We know that the world will spin into chaos as we approach the return of Christ.
- D. We know that our Lord will not leave us nor forsake us.

These are general events that happen to all believers and are provided to bring us comfort as we live in an unstable world.

The lost person also knows some of their future events that are laid out in the Word.

- A. The rapture of the Church will occur as prophesied and they will be left behind.
- B. The lost person will die and be separated from the Lord and all believers for eternity.
- C. There will be a judgement for all lost people who will be judged according to the life they lived and as to what they chose to do about Jesus and His gift of life.

These are general events that will happen to all lost people and are intended to inform them and frighten them to proper thinking.

These are things we know about our future. But we do not know everything about what lies ahead of us and what tomorrow brings.

In this dialog between Our Lord and Peter, the Lord shows something about Peter's future and the reason for it.

1. The Lord knows my future as He did my past. Vs.18

- A. The Lord is omniscient.
- B. The Lord is sovereign.
- C. The Lord is involved in our lives.

2. The Lord will allow my future to bring Him glory. Vs.19a

- A. None of us are wanting to hear about our own deaths.
- B. Yet since we must die, we ought to be concerned about its significance.
- C. The Lord can and will use all segments of our lives to bring glory to Him.

3. The Lord simply says, in light of this, follow me. Vs.19b

- A. Regardless of our circumstances, we are to follow Jesus.
- B. With the sudden prophesy of death, following is still the correct move.
- C. The Lord warns us and prepares us for the persecution that lies ahead.