**Rumination 832 for Jan. 10, 2021 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **Press toward the Prize.** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: ***I press toward the mark for the prize*** *of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.* Phil. 3:14

The **T**hots:

Intro. What Are Your **P**ressing Thoughts for the Year 2021? Here are Five (**#A-E**) to Help you **P**repare:

1. **Forget the Past and Look Forward to the Future. Phil. 3:13-14**

Never you mind if you **F**eel you have **F**ailed to **A**chieve your **P**ast **P**urposes:

*Brethren, I count not myself to have* ***A****pprehended:*

1. **S**eek a New **A**im for the New Year – *this one thing I do…*
2. ***F****orget… those things which are behind* *–* the **P**ast;

*and reaching* ***F****orth unto those things which are before –* the **P**rospect;

1. Go **F**orward as **F**ollows…
* **Your 2021 Goal*: P****ress toward the mark* ***F****or the* ***P****rize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*
1. **S**et your **A**ffection on things **A**bove*…If ye then be risen with Christ,* Col. 3:1-4
2. ***S****eek those things which are* ***A****bove, where Christ* ***S****itteth on the right hand of God.*
3. ***S****et your* ***A****ffection on things* ***A****bove, not on things on the earth.*
4. *For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.*
5. *When Christ, Who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.*
6. **Fix your Eyes on Christ Jesus.**
7. **F**ocus your **F**aith on Chris: *Looking to* ***Jesus*** *the* ***P****ioneer and* ***P****erfecter of our faith,*  Heb. 12:2, NRSV
8. His **S**et **M**ission: *Who for the sake of the joy that was set before Him*
9. His **S**elf-**M**astery: *endured the cross, disregarding its shame,*
10. His **S**eated **M**ajesty: *and has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of God.* Cf. Heb. 1:3b
11. **F**ix your eyes on the trans-**F**igured Jesus: Mt. 17:1-8

*When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.* Mt. 17:8

1. Three **P**rominent **P**ersonalities were **P**resent at the Transfiguration of Jesus. Matt. 17:3, NKJV

*And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.*

1. The **P**erspective of these **P**eople:
2. Moses representing OT Saints **R**edeemed from Egypt. Exo. 15:1, 13, NKJV

*Then Moses sang this song…You in Your mercy have led forth the people whom You have redeemed…*

1. Elijah representing the NT Saints who one day will be **R**aptured without dying:

Note: Elijah was translated into Heaven without Dying: II Kgs. 2:11

*Behold, there appeared a chariot of fire…and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.*

Cf. *Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds,*

 *to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.* I Thes. 4:17

1. The **P**reeminent **P**erson Who **R**emained in their Sight -

 *And when they had lifted up their eyes, they* ***S****aw no man,* ***S****ave Jesus only*. Mt. 17:8

* **Our 2021 Goal**: *He is the head of the body, the church: Who is the beginning,*

*the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the* ***P****reeminence*. Col. 1:18

1. **Fervently Love the Lord.** **Jn. 21:15-17**
2. ­Peter’s **P**ast – He **D**enied his Lord three times. Matt. 26:72-75

*And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the Man.*

1. Peter’s **P**resent – Peter had to **D**eclare he loved the Lord three times. Jn. 21:15-**17**

*He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me?...*

*And he said unto him, Lord, Thou knowest all things; Thou knowest that I love Thee.*

1. Peter’s **P**astoring **D**uty - *Jesus saith unto him,* ***F****eed My sheep.*

 *The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder…****F****eed the* ***F****lock of God…* I Pet. 5:1*,* ***2***

* **Our 2021 Goal:** *If ye love Me, keep My commandments.* Jn. 14:15
1. **Faithfully Labour for Him.** **I Cor. 15:58**
* **Our 2021 Goal: C**ontinue to be **F**aithful in your Labour for Him,

 *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable,*

1. **C**ease not, ***A****lways* ***A****bounding in the work of the Lord,*
2. Your **A**ward will **C**ome ultimately… *as ye know that your* ***L****abour is not in vain in the* ***L****ord.*

Cf. *I have* ***F****ought a good* ***F****ight, I have* ***F****inished my course, I have kept the* ***F****aith:*

*Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge,*

*shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.* II Tim. 4:8

1. **Remember, Forsake not your Rest in your Labour for Him - Mk. 6:31**
2. ***C****ome unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.* Mt. 11:28
3. *And He said unto them,* ***C****ome ye yourselves apart…and rest a while:* Mk. 6:31
* **Our 2021 Goal:** ***R****emember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.* Exo. 20:8

 *When He had given thanks, He said… this do in* ***R****emembrance of Me.* I Cor. 11:24

*When to the cross I turn mine eyes And* ***R****est on Calvary,*

 *O Lamb of God, my sacrifice, I must* ***R****emember Thee-* James Montgomery

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 832**

1. Below is a morning devotion extracted from Samuel Bagster’s **Daily Light** for New Year Day, 1st January. The uniqueness of the Daily Light Reading is that every word of its text is from the Lord’s Word itself arranged into a very relevant and pertinent message for the Reader.

**Meditate** and **Reflect** on it to see how the Lord prepares you to face 2021 with His help and the Guidance of the Word of God, the new Challenges of Covid-19 this year,

Psalm 119:105 - *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

Psalm 119:11 - *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*



Press Forward this year of 2021 with your eyes Fixed on Jesus and your Feet guided by the Word of God to walk in the Path He has Planned out for you. **REFLECT.**

1. In the Rumination, Five things were proposed to guide you into the New Year 2021,
2. **Forget the Past and Look Forward to the Future. Phil. 3:13-14**
3. **Fix your Eyes on Christ Jesus. Heb. 12:2**
4. **Fervently Love the Lord.** **Jn. 21:15-17**
5. **Faithfully Labour for Him.** **I Cor. 15:58**
6. **Forsake not your Rest in your Labour for Him - Mk. 6:31**

Go over them again and **REFLECT.**

**Points To Ponder: *Y****our* ***Y****ear will be* ***B****lessed when You Give Him Your* ***B****est.*