

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for September 9-10, 2006

"The Best Is Yet To Come"

John 14:12

Jesus, in John 14:12-15, told His disciples that in spite of the fact that He was leaving them, the best days of their earthly lives were still ahead of them.

The promise of better days (verse 12).

The promise that we find in John 14:12 was addressed to those who believed that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God and the only way to the Father.

The first part of the promise to Christ's disciples was, "He who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also."

Based on John 14:11, the works that Jesus was referring to in John 14:12 were primarily, if not exclusively, miraculous works.

Jesus therefore told His disciples that after His departure, the ministry of the believing community would be characterized by miracles.

Though Jesus, in John 14:12, indicated that the future ministry of the believing community would be characterized by miracles, He did not indicate the duration of that future activity.

Jesus, in the second part of the promise in John 14:12, told His disciples that after His departure, the believing community would perform even greater works than Himself.

When Jesus told His disciples that the believing community would perform even greater works, He did not mean that they would do more spectacular miracles.

When Jesus told His disciples that the believing community would perform even greater works, He did not mean that they would perform more miraculous works than He had performed.

When Jesus told His disciples that the believing community would perform even greater works, He meant the greater works associated with the bountiful harvest of souls in the church age.

May God give us the grace to appreciate and value the opportunity that Christ has afforded us through His redemptive work to rescue the souls of men in this present age.