

coal . . . each ship made room for a 1,200-volume library, a hand-organ playing 50 tunes, china place settings for officers and men, cut-glass wine goblets, and sterling silver flat ware. The expedition carried no special clothing for the Arctic, only the uniforms of Her Majesty's Navy." Imagine heading into frigid wastelands with supplies like that! What utter folly!

Some people heading into eternity may be even more short-sighted. Multitudes fail to think of their destination with its dangers of everlasting destruction. Ignoring their desperate need for forgiveness of their sin through faith in Jesus Christ, they pay no attention to His solemn question, "What profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?" (Mt. 16:26).

Are you short-sighted or prepared for eternity? --VCG

*If I gained the world but lost the Saviour,
Were my life worth living for a day?
Could my yearning heart find rest and comfort
In the things that soon must pass away? --Olander*

The one who lives for this life only will have eternity to regret it.



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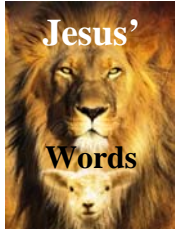
Are You Prepared?

The foolishness of fools is folly. --Proverbs 14:24

Intelligent people can sometimes be unbelievably foolish. Consider the 19th-century explorers of the Franklin Expedition who tried to find the Northwest Passage across the Arctic Ocean. Annie Dillard, in her book *Teaching A Stone To Talk*, describes the provisions they took for that hazardous journey:

"Each sailing vessel carried an auxiliary steam engine and a 12-day supply of coal for the entire projected 2- or 3-year voyage. Instead of additional





An Even Better Understanding

(Psalms 2:2) "The kings of the earth set themselves..., Against the LORD and against His Anointed, ..."

(Psalms 2:6) ""Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.""

(Jeremiah 33:14-17) ""Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel ...: {15} ..I will cause to grow up to David A Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. {16} .. And this is the name by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.' {17} '.. 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel;""



Shattered Expectations

Matthew 16:21-27. For the disciples there were two steps to an even better understanding. These steps will help us too:

1. An understanding of who is the _____ (ie an understanding of what _____ will do), verses 15-23



(John 6:15) "Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone."

(John 2:19) ".. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.""

(John 3:14) ""And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,"

(John 6:51) "".. I shall give ..My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.""

(Matthew 12:39-40) "... no sign will be given .. except the sign of the

prophet Jonah. {40} "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

(Matthew 4:17) "From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.""

(Luke 13:33) "".. for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem."

(Matthew 23:37) ""O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! ...!"

(Matthew 4:3) ".. "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.""

(Luke 22:44) "And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground."



William Carey

2. An understanding of who is a _____ (ie an understanding of what is _____), verses 24-27

(Romans 6:11) "Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, ..."

(Galatians 2:20) ""I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; .."



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