

'Marks of a Heaven-Minded Man'

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'If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.' - Colossians iii.1-2

The following is a meditation regarding marks, or characteristics, of a heaven-minded man:

- i. He is regenerate**, 'raised with Christ'. A man that has not been made alive by the Holy Spirit cannot and will not truly cast his gaze heavenward (Titus 3:5).
- ii. He is a member of the church**, 'raised with Christ'. In baptism, the believer identifies himself with the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and enters into the life of the church (Rom. 6:1-4).
- iii. He seeks the things of God**, 'seek the things that are above, where Christ is'. Such a man intentionally walks in the way of the LORD, looking to the righteous and Redeemer King and His Kingdom (Mat. 6:33)
- iv. He will seek wise counsel**, 'seek the things that are above'. The Christian pilgrim never traverses the path alone, but pursues the guidance of mature believers (Prov. 12:15).
- v. He knows where His Saviour is - risen**, 'where Christ is'. The man who casts his mind heavenward does so because the Risen Lord is there (Job 29:25).
- vi. He knows where His Saviour is, positionally - ruling**, 'at the right hand of God'. God is worthy of worship, not only for His goodness, but His sovereignty, as He rules and reigns over all things for all eternity (Rev. 20:6).
- vii. He knows the efficacy of the Saviour's work**, 'seated'. The man of God receives and rests on the finished work of Christ Jesus, who accomplished the redemption of His Church by His active and passive obedience (Heb. 10:12).
- viii. He keeps his mind active**, 'set your mind'. The heaven-minded man knows that his mind must actively be set there, for by nature it is averse to the Saviour (2 Cor. 10:5).
- ix. His meditation is on God and His Word**, 'on things that are above'. His delight is in the perfect Word of the LORD, as more precious than any treasure (Psa. 1:2).
- x. He is discontented with the things and trifles of this world**, 'not things that are on the earth'. The Christian increasingly abhors sins of the flesh, the world, and the devil (Jms. 4:4).
- xi. His satisfaction and longing is for heaven**, 'things that are above, not the things that are on the earth'. His mind is fixed to finish the race and enter into the courts of Christ (Psa. 73:25).
- xii. He is disciplined to continually set his mind toward heaven**, 'set your minds'. The heaven-minded man keeps in step with the Spirit to consider more the things of God (1 Tim. 4:7).

*LORD God, would Thou make me such a Christian —
that my hope and joy is found only in Thee, and my home only in Thy abode'*