

# The Temporary And The Eternal

There are three huge gates that lead into the Cathedral of Milan. Over one gate there is an inscription in marble under a beautiful flower bouquet that says, "The things that please are temporary." Over the second gate, there is an inscription which says, "The things that disturb us are temporary." However, over the central gate, there is a big inscription saying, "Eternal are the important ones."

How different life would be if we recognized the difference between the temporary and eternal. Commenting on the transitory nature of man, Paul wrote, "*For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens*" (2 Corinthians 5:1).

God has put eternity in the human heart (Ecclesiastes 3:11). This means that we can never be completely satisfied with earthly pleasures and pursuits. Because we are created in God's image, we have a spiritual thirst, we have eternal value, and nothing but the eternal God can truly satisfy us.

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