

**THE BEST IS YET TO COME**  
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**1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-10a**

Paul says no matter what we've seen, heard or experienced in God this side of heaven, it pales in comparison to what God has prepared for us in glory. "The best is yet to come" or "you aint seen nothing yet." What we've experienced is only a glimpse of what lies ahead.

**2 CORINTHIANS 3:18**

Our journey here is one of being changed from glory to glory by the Spirit as we continue looking into the mirror of God's Word.

- **PHILIPPIANS 1:6 (AMPC, ROMANS 12:2)**

We don't start perfected in Christ. We're perfect within, but not without. God wants us to mature by renewing our minds to who we are in Christ.

**GLORY TO GLORY EXPERIENCES**

- Salvation – **1 PETER 1:7-9**; Spirit baptism – **ACTS 1:5**; deliverance – **COLOSSIANS 1:13**; healing – **1 PETER 2:24** (Lisa, Mary Pacella, Andrew, spina bifida, infertility); spiritual manifestations – **1 CORINTHIANS 12:7** (audible voice, angel, discerning of spirits, word of knowledge).
- These are but glimpses of something far better that awaits those who faithfully serve God this side of heaven.

**NATURALLY SPEAKING – NUMBERS 14:21-24 (AMPC)**

C.S. Lewis "Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you get neither."

- The Israelites experienced glimpses of the glory that was yet to come. They experienced the glory of God's: saving, delivering and healing power – **PSALMS 105:37**; guidance – **EXODUS 13:21-22**; protection – **EXODUS 14:14**; provision – **1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-4**. But when the time came for them to enter the best God had for them on earth, their unbelief prevented them from experiencing it. **EXODUS 23:20-26** What's better than experiencing God's presence, power, peace, promises, provision and perfection continually. **HEBREWS 3:19-4:2** They moved from glory to glory until they got to Jordan. They got no farther because of unbelief; but not Caleb!
- **NUMBERS 14:24, JOSHUA 14:7-8** There was another degree of glory that was needed. Caleb's faith in God's Word released the glory that ushered him into "God's best."
- **HEBREWS 4:3-6, 9-12** – In creation, God worked then rested. Now, everything is upheld by the word of His power. In the new creation, Jesus worked and now rests in His finished work. By faith, we enter His finished work. The labor involves renewing our minds. **PSALMS 115:12-14**

**SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING – PHILIPPIANS 1:21-24 (NLT)**

- What could be far better? **JOHN 14:1-3** – Our heavenly home; **JOB 19:25-27 (NLT)** – to see His face; **PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21 (NLT)** – a glorious body; **2 CORINTHIANS 5:7-10 (NLT)** – our rewards; **1 THESSALONIANS 4:14** – our family reunion; **REVELATION 21:1-4 (NLT)** – no more evil.
- **PHILIPPIANS 3:13-16 (NLT)** – No matter what we've experienced this side of heaven, it can't compare to what awaits us in glory. Paul's advice was to focus on the prize and continue serving God faithfully so we can experience the best God has for us now and later because no matter what, **"THE BEST IS YET TO COME."**