

Thoughts on Dawson Trotman's Homecoming

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I. Introduction.

- A. It is true that to depart from the earth and to be with the Lord is better.
- B. It is not as though there is not sadness at one's departure, but there should still be joy.
- C. God is love and God is sovereign - he did not turn his back when Trotman's died.

II. The personal effects of Trotman's death

- A. It should encourage people to rededicate their lives.
- B. It should encourage people to get into the Scripture.

III. It should be seen as the opening chapter of a new era, not the close of an old one.

- A. God can still fulfill the promises given to Trotman.
- B. We must step out in faith to fulfill the vision. (2 Kings 2:9-14)
- C. God laid on the heart of Trotman the task of developing men. (Isaiah 43)
- D. We have hope in Christ - what Job lost was regained two fold.

IV. Trotman would have it that God would be magnified through his death.

V. God took Trotman home while he was holding up another - this was characteristic of how he lived his life.

VI. Scriptures for comfort: 1 Peter 1:3-8, 1 Corinthians 2:8-9.