“Eternity”
Isaiah 57:15

Introduction:
A. What a word! Only translated once this way in KJV, Twice in ASV and thrice in NKJV and NIV, four times in ESV.
B. None can comprehend it, yet all are affected by it.
C. We must stand in awe of every consideration of this word.

Discussion:

I. Its Magnitude.
A. Duration without limits — no beginning nor end.
B. Strictly speaking, only can apply to God.
C. Many efforts to illustrate eternity — all must fall short.
   1. A ring.
   2. Sailor at sea sees only water.
   3. Telescope out into space.
   4. If earth steel ball — eagles wing tips each 1000 years — wears it away.
   5. If ant carried gain of sand to sun — removes all from earth.
   6. Certain number grains of sand, blades of grass, drops of water, leaves of trees — if one of destroyed each billion years.

Some quotes:
Time is God’s creation that keeps everything from happening at the same time- very loose quote from source unknown
   “Eternity is the now that does not pass away.” Augustine
   “Eternity forbids us to forget.” Lord Byron

II. Its Associations.
A. It is associated with the existence of man.
   1. God has put eternity in man’s heart. (Eccl. 3:11).
   3. All men to be raised from dead. (John 5:28-29)
B. It is associated with the importance of the church (Eph. 3:10-11).
C. It is associated with the happiness of saints.
   2. Eternal weight of glory. (2 Cor. 4:17-18)
   3. Eternal redemption and salvation (Heb. 5:9; 9:12).
   4. Eternal inheritance (Heb. 9:15)
D. It is associated with the woes of sinners.
   1. Eternal condemnation and fire (Mark 3:29; Jude 7)
   2. Everlasting punishment and destruction (Matt. 25:46; 2 Thess. 1:9).

III. Its Implications.
A. About God — His greatness (Inhabits eternity - our text).
B. About man — His dignity and preciousness.
C. About time — Its transience and shortness.

D. About life — Its purpose.
   1. Time to prepare for heaven and escape hell.
   2. Time to sow for the harvest (Gal. 6:7-10)

E. About death — Its solemnity.
   1. Gate into eternity.
   2. Passage into heaven or hell

Conclusion:
A. Keep eternity in our hearts daily.
B. Do everything in view of eternity: Preach, teach, pray, live, work, marry, &c.