**MY LAST MILE OF THE WAY**

**2 Timothy 4:6**

**6For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.** [**7**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Timothy-4-7/)**I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:** [**8**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Timothy-4-8/)**Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.**

**INTRO:**

**Four Things You Should Do Before You Die**

**1. Experience the Regeneration of your Soul**

**John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

**\*\*The greatest experience is being Cleansed and Changed.**

**2. Exemplify the Righteousness of your Salvation**

**1 Peter 2:21,24 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.**

**\*\*Live a Spirit-filled and Sanctified life for God.**

**3. Enjoy the Reality of your Status**

[**1 John 3:1**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-3-1/) - **Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:**

**\*\*What a joy to feel the Love and the Lord in your soul!**

**4. Expect The Return Of Their Savior**

**Philippians 3:20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:**

**\*\*Keep your eyes on Christ and on the Clouds!**

**\*\*Four things God will do My Last Mile of the Way**

**I. MY LORD WILL CALL ME**

 **A. He May Call Me By The Way Of The Cemetery**

**John 5:28-29 28Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,
29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.**

 **1. Some will come out of the graves and go to Heaven**

 **2. Some will come out of the graves and go to Hell**

 **B. He May Call Me By The Way Of The Clouds**

**I Thessalonians 4:16-17 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

 **1. There will be a Return.**

**For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven**

 **2. There will be a Reunion.**

**and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together**

 **3. There will be a Residence.**

**so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

**\*\*I’m sure the Lord will call me the last mile of the way.**

**II. MY LORD WILL CHANGE ME**

 **A. I'll Have A New Body**

**Philippians 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.**

 **1. My new body will be Magnificent**

**\*\*It has to be a glorious and magnificent body because I’ll be a part of the Body of Christ – The Church.**

 **a. It will be Shining like a bride.**

 **b. It will be Splendid like a bride.**

 **c. It will be Superb like a bride.**

**\*\*If you think I look good now (which most of you don’t), wait until you see me as part of the glorious body of the bride of Christ!**

 **2. My new body will be Marvelous**

 **1. My new body will not be Sick**

 **2. My new body will not be Stricken**

 **3. My new body will not be Sorrowful**

 **4. My new body will not be Sad**

 **B. I'll Have A New Being**

**1 Corinthians 15:42-50 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:
43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.  45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. 49And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. 50. . . flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom**

 **1. We will be a Heavenly Spirit Being over there.**

 **2. We will be a Heavenly Spiritual Being over there.**

**\*\*Nothing can hinder us from worshiping and praising God when everybody will be spiritual beings.**

**\*\*I’m sure the Lord will change me the last mile of the way.**

**III. MY LORD WILL CONFRONT ME**

[**Hebrews 9:27**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-9-27/)**- And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:**

 **A. Before the Lord I’ll Stand Accountable**

**Romans 14:12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.**

[**Jeremiah 17:10**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Jeremiah-17-10/)**- I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.**

 **1. We will be accountable for what we have Received.**

 **2. We will be accountable for what we have Rejected.**

 **3. We will be accountable for what we have Rendered.**

 **B. Before the Lord I’ll Stand Acquitted**

**The Revelation 12:10-11 . . . for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.** [**11**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Revelation-12-11/)**And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony;**

 **1. Acquitted through the Blood of Jesus**

 **2. Acquitted through the Blessedness of Joy**

**\*\*A blessedness of joy is a testimony that is declared and demonstrated.**

**\*\*I’m sure the Lord will clear me the last mile of the way.**

**IV. MY LORD WILL CROWN ME**

 **A. The Presentation of the Crown**

[**2 Timothy 4:8**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Timothy-4-8/)**- Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.**

**\*\*I’ll receive a crown of righteousness . . . .**

 **1. Only because of His Son**

 **2. Only because of His Salvation**

 **B. The Placement of the Crowns**

**The Revelation 4:10-11 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

**\*\*I’ll cast my crown before His throne . . .**

 **1. For His Goodness**

 **2. For His Glory**

**\*\*I’m sure the Lord will crown me the last mile of the way.**

**\*\*How can I say such a thing? Because it is a crown of righteousness, and He lives in me and has made me righteous through the blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony – my confession of faith in Him.**

**\*\*I’m also sure that I will cast my crown before His throne so that I may worship Him and give Him all glory and honor and power.**

**CLOSE - When I’ve Gone the Last Mile of the Way**

**If I walk in the pathway of duty,
If I work till the close of the day;
I shall see the great King in His beauty,
When I’ve gone the last mile of the way.**

**If for Christ I proclaim the glad story,
If I seek for His sheep gone astray,
I am sure He will show me His glory,
When I’ve gone the last mile of the way.**

**Here the dearest of ties we must sever,
Tears of sorrow are seen every day;
But no sickness, no sighing forever,
When I’ve gone the last mile of the way.**

**And if here I have earnestly striven,
And have tried all His will to obey,
’Twill enhance all the rapture of Heaven,
When I’ve gone the last mile of the way.**

***Refrain***

***When I’ve gone the last mile of the way,
I will rest at the close of the day,
And I know there are joys that await me,
When I’ve gone the last mile of the way.***

**\*\*One day we will all go that last mile of the way.**

**\*\*Will your last mile of the way be heaven or hell? Will you be called? Will you be cleared? Will you be crowned?**

**\*\*Make sure your last mile of the way leads to Heaven!**