SO HEAVENLY MINDED from 2 PETER 3:11-13

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"He's so heavenly minded he's of no earthly good." Ever heard that before? This old sardonic criticism may have some ground to undermine the caricature of the Christian life at which it is aimed. Nevertheless, I don't think that Peter, were he to have heard it, would have thought it too funny. Peter believed that Christians ought to have so powerful a vision of the glorious future promised to believers that this vision transformed their lives in the present. No one who is truly heavenly minded will allow their life to remain unaltered.

The key idea in this sermon is: *Our Future Must Change our Present*. In our text, Peter suggests three ways the future changes our present:

1. We Must Live Lives of Holiness and Godliness.
2. We Must Wait Eagerly.
3. We Must Be Defined by Righteousness.