

“HEAVEN”

Revelation 21:1-8

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

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WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR ALL THAT TRUST IN JESUS CHRIST AS
LORD, SAVIOR, REDEEMER AND FRIEND.

Matthew 8:1-11

When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him.
2 And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” :3 Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.
:4 And Jesus said to him, “See that you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.” :5 Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, 6 saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.” :7 And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” :8 The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, “Go,’ and he goes; and to another, “Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” :10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! 11 And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

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Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” :5 Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.” :6 And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. 8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

Imagine for a moment if you were to meet up with the first astronaut that will be going to Mars. **Wouldn't you be thrilled just to ask him** what he knows about Mars, and he expects to experience once he gets there?

“I know I'm going I don't know too much about it.
I guess I'll figure it all out once I get up there.”

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1.) We Will Be A Re-Created Human Being

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1a.) The complexity of who we are and who we will become

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our **image**, according to Our **likeness**; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” :27 So God created man in His own **image**; in the **image** of God He created him; male and female He created them.

image *tselem, tseh'-lem*; a resemblance, something like, to reflect or the reflection of, a shadow of. – moral similarity or likeness.

To Accomplish This, Jesus Christ Provided Himself...

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself **sanctify** you **completely**; and may your whole **spirit, soul, and body** be **preserved** blameless **UNTIL the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

2 Corinthians 3:18 NLT

So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

In all of God’s creation there is nothing like us humans.

Charles Spurgeon said,

“if all of my thoughts about what heaven will be like would have to be reduced to just one – it would be that I shall someday appear like my Savior, holy and complete.”

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1b.) The purpose of our eternal existence

The Purpose of Our Existence / Our Lives is to Know God.

Revelation 3:12

He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will **write on him My new name.**

What do we learn from the Bible about our purpose in heaven?

We will be fully redeemed - body, soul and spirit.

What becomes of **Our Bodies** - re-created by being renewed
What becomes of **Our Souls** - re-created by being renewed
What becomes of **Our Spirits** - re-created by being renewed

We will worship, serve, know, & feast.

Consider what is our purpose here on earth.

(1) relationships (2) our desire for fellowship (3) taste buds, (4) our brains, (5) our creativity, (6) our desire to discover, (7) our desire invent... what else?

John 14:1-3

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. :2 In My Father’s house (singular) are many mansions (plural) ; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. :3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

Luke 13:29

They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God.

Heaven's Immigration Policy

Revelation 7:9-12

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

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1c.) The experience of heaven, our new home

Fact - We humans love new things

1. Will we know people there?
2. Will we remember things of our earthly life?
3. What about our loved ones who have died in Jesus?
4. What about our loved ones who have died without Jesus?
5. What about food?
6. Will we be busy there?
7. What about my dog?
8. What about my child, my miscarried child, my aborted child?
9. How old will I be in heaven?

What will it be like there?

(Consider earth's residual glories today – expect them to be perfected)

Ephesians 1:5-11 NLT

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. 6 So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. 7 He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our

freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. 8 He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. :9 God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. 10 And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. 11 Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

End of Study

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