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ETERNITY IN HEAVEN

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CHAPTER

1

***If a man serve me, let him follow me;
and where I am, there shall
also my servant be:
(John 12:26)***





ETERNITY IN HEAVEN?



Is there such a time span as eternity? By definition, what is eternity?

- Duration without end
- Endless period of time
- Unending time of existence
- Unlimited extension of time
- Forever and ever

The bible makes reference to an endless period of time called eternity.

Isaiah 45:17 ... *world without end*

Ephesians 3:18 ... *world without end*

Exodus 15:18 ... *For ever and ever*

John 8:35 ... *For ever*

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In Isaiah 57:15, the Bible says, “*For thus saith the high and lofty one that inhabiteth eternity ...*” Beloved eternity is real. God is eternal and dwells in eternity. Our God lives forever; His existence has no end.

There are people that will spend eternity with God in heaven. Will you be one of them?

If a man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be:

John 12:26

Will you spend eternity with God, where He is?



HEAVEN: GOD'S DWELLING PLACE

In the Bible, the word heaven is used differently at various times to refer to:

1. The skies above

... her judgement reacheth unto heaven and is lifted up even to the skies.

Jeremiah 51:9

Another bible passage confirms this also.

*There is none like unto the God of
Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven
... on the sky*

Deuteronomy 33:26

2. The spiritual realm where God dwells and rules. Our God is a spirit and He dwells and rules in heaven.

*The heaven is my throne, and the earth
is my footstool.*

Isaiah 66:1a

*Look down from thy holy habitation,
from heaven, and bless thy people.*

Deuteronomy 26:15a

*Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling
place: and when thou hearest forgive*

1 Kings 8:30b

3. Paradise, a temporary resting place for believers.

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The bible tells us of a place of rest for believers called Paradise of God (Revelation 2:7). Paradise is also called heaven in the bible.

*I knew a man in Christ ... such an one
was caught up to the third heaven ... He
was caught up into paradise ...*

2 Corinthians 12:2-4

4. The final and eternal dwelling place of believers with God.

This is also the heaven where God dwells, and those who believe in Jesus Christ will be there with God.

*For the Lord himself shall descend from
heaven with a shout ... then we which
are alive and remain shall be caught up
... to meet the Lord ... and so shall we
ever be with the Lord.*

1 Thessalonian 4:16-17

Believers in Christ shall be with the Lord Jesus Christ in heaven eternally. Be sure you are born again. Give your life to Jesus and live to glorify

Him. Those who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour will spend eternity with the Lord in heaven.

CHAPTER

2

*And many of them that sleep
in the dust of the earth shall awake,
some to everlasting life, and some
to shame and everlasting contempt.
Daniel 12:2*





DEATH IS NOT OUR END



The human spirit is created eternal. It does not cease to exist even after death. Death is not the end of our existence.

*Then shall the dust return to the earth
as it was: and the spirit shall return
unto God who gave it.*

Ecclesiastes 12:7



THERE IS A RESURRECTION

After death the spirit of man appears before God to await the resurrection of the dead. There shall be a resurrection of the dead.

The resurrection of the dead is revealed throughout the bible. In the Old Testament the bible records:

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As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake, with thy likeness

Psalm 17:15

In Job 19:25-27 we also read:

For I know that my redeemer liveth and that he shall stand at the later day upon the day: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold ...

The prophets in the Old Testament also revealed the resurrection of the dead:

Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake ... ye that dwell in the dust: ... the earth shall cast out the dead.

Isaiah 26:19

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Daniel 12:2

Death is not our end. Every person shall be resurrected. What will be your future after your resurrection? Will you awake – to everlasting life or to everlasting shame and contempt?

The sinner, who died without repenting and receiving salvation through Jesus Christ, will resurrect to everlasting shame, contempt and condemnation in hell.



JESUS TAUGHT ON IT TOO

Jesus Christ taught on the resurrection of the dead. Read the words of Jesus:

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which ALL THAT ARE IN THE GRAVES shall hear His voice 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

John 5:28-29

The good and the evil shall all be resurrected - ALL SHALL COME FORTH. The sinner that has not been washed and cleansed by the blood of Jesus is heading for the resurrection of damnation. But

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the believer that has received the blessed free gift of salvation can look forward to the resurrection of eternal life. Glory to God.

In the sermon of Jesus both the wicked rich man and righteous poor Lazarus continued to live after their physical death (Luke 16:22-23).



IN THE WORDS OF APOSTLE PAUL

But this I confess ... so worship I the God of my fathers ... And have hope toward God, ... that THERE SHALL BE A RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, BOTH OF THE JUST AND UNJUST.

Acts 24:15

There shall be a resurrection. It is a truth of scripture. Both the just and the unjust shall be resurrected from death. There are some who say that there is no resurrection of the dead.

... How say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen.

1 Corinthians 15:12-13



THERE SHALL BE TWO RESURRECTIONS

The bible speaks of two categories of resurrection. It is important that we know these truths and keep them in memory.

*Brethren, I declare unto you the gospel
... which also ye have received, and
wherein ye stand. By which also ye are
saved, IF YE KEEP IN MEMORY*

1 Corinthians 15:1-2

1. The resurrection of the righteous

It is described as follows:

- (a) The awakening to everlasting life (Daniel 12:2).
- (b) The resurrection of life (John 5:29)
- (c) The resurrection of the just (Acts 24:15)
- (d) The first resurrection (Revelation 20:4-6)

Surrender your life to Jesus Christ, and receive Him as your saviour and Lord, so you can be a part of this first resurrection.

*Blessed and holy is he that hath part in
the first resurrection: on such the
second death hath no power, but they
shall be priests of God and of Christ,
and shall reign with Him ...*

Revelation 20:6

2. **The resurrection of the unrighteous**

This is severally described as follows:

- (a) The awakening to shame and everlasting contempt (Daniel 12:2)
- (b) The resurrection of damnation (John 5:29)
- (c) The resurrection of the unjust (Acts 24:16)
- (d) The second resurrection (Revelation 20:5, 12-13)

Will you have your part in the first resurrection, or in the second resurrection? Those in the first resurrection are called blessed and holy. Therefore those in the second resurrection are cursed and unholy.

Repent now and surrender your heart and life to Jesus. Rededicate your heart to Jesus and turn away from the life of sin. Receive by faith the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.

If you know you are not born again or your heart is far from God; if you are not living right before God; if you have backslidden to sin and worldliness, PRAY THIS PRAYER WITH FAITH FOR YOUR SALVATION AND REDEDICATION.

SALVATION PRAYER

Dear Father, thank You for sending Your Son Jesus Christ to come in the flesh and die for my sins. I am sorry for any and every sin I have committed against You. I repent and ask for Your mercy, cleansing and forgiveness.

I receive and believe the price Jesus paid for me on the cross. I receive by faith the forgiveness of my sins and the free gift of salvation. I receive eternal life into my spirit now.

I confess Jesus Christ as the Lord and Saviour of my life. I am born again. I am saved. I am a child of God now. Thank You Lord for saving me, in Jesus name. Amen.

Rejoice! You are born again!!

CHAPTER

3

***Enoch was translated that
he should not see death; and was not
found, because God had translated him: ...
(Hebrews 11:5)***



CHAPTER THREE



GONE IN THE RAPTURE



The word rapture is not found anywhere in the bible. However its relevance to the teaching of the bible is based on its meaning.

Rapture means

- To be lifted in joyful ecstasy
- To be carried to another realm
- To be transported in bliss to another place or sphere.

The divine mystery of people being carried by God into His divine realm is found throughout the bible.



GOD TOOK ENOCH

And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Genesis 5:24

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That means, Enoch was in close, continuous intimate fellowship with God until one day he disappeared without dying, because God took him to Himself. Amplified Bible says ... *God took him home with Him.* NIV bible says ... *God took him away.*

In Hebrews 11:5, we see it very clearly
Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: ...

NIV bible says

Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away ...

Amplified Bible version says:

Enoch was caught up and transferred to heaven ...

That is the rapture right there.

The man Enoch, being taken up to heaven by God



ELIJAH TOO

Elijah was also carried to heaven by God without experiencing physical death. We read in 2

Kings 2

*It came to pass when the LORD would
take up Elijah into heaven by a
whirlwind...*

Verse 1

That confirms that Elijah knew in advance that God will take him up to heaven. He also knew it will be by the means of a whirlwind.

In fact others know that Elijah was going to be taken away by God. They even knew the day it will happen. Elisha too knew it without needing to be told.

*And the sons of the prophet came to
Elisha and said unto him, KNOWEST
THOU that the LORD will take away
thy master from thy head TODAY?
And he said, YEA, I KNOW IT; hold
thy peace.*

Verses 3 and 5

That is how real the rapture was to the people of God in the time of Elijah. Elijah knew it; Elisha knew it; and the sons of the prophet knew it too. Then the moment came:

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and it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, THERE APPEARED A CHARIOT OF FIRE, AND HORSES OF FIRE ... and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

Verse 11

Elijah went up, carried by God into heaven. That is how awesome and divine the rapture can be. In the case of Enoch, no one saw anything or knew when it will happen. But in the case of Elijah, it was common knowledge among spiritual people that God will take him up to heaven.



THE SAINTS SHALL BE RAPTURED

There is coming a taking away of the believers in Christ. We shall be caught up by God in the rapture.

- Angels at work

And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other ... Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left

Matthew 24:31, 40

- **We shall be changed**

Behold I shew you a mystery, we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

The rapture is a beautiful divine mystery. It is God's special treat for His dear saints. Brothers and sisters in Christ, prepare for that great visitation of glory. We shall all be changed.

- **We shall be caught up**

Beloved, the rapture is Jesus Christ the Lord, Himself, coming to receive the saints unto Himself.

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:

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 Thessalonians 4:16-17

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So the Lord Jesus comes with the angels, descending from heaven with a shout, trumpet blasts, and echoing archangels. It shall be a day like none other, a day the world has never seen. Picture this in your mind.

But the Lord Jesus stops in the air above the clouds. And that glorious echoing sound awakens all dead saints out of where ever they were buried. They are changed in the twinkling of an eye, and up they go in the air.

We the believers that are still alive, still standing in faith and remaining faithful to the Lord, will go through an accelerated change, translation and catching up. We will meet up with the first resurrected believers in the clouds; and together meet the Lord Jesus in the air. We then proceed with Jesus for our onward procession to heaven.

Are you ready for the return of Jesus for the believers? Are you ready for the rapture? Oh! Be prepared my brothers and sisters. Live with the rapture and heaven on your mind. It can happen at anytime.

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Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, ... And God ended His work (Genesis 2:1-2)



CHAPTER FOUR



HEAVEN – A CREATED PLACE



Heaven is not an imaginary, abstract place.
It is a real place created by God.

*Thus the heavens and the earth were
finished, ... And God ended His work*
Genesis 2:1-2

The heavens were created by God, just as He created the earth. It is a spiritual place, and invisible place (when compared to our physical visible earth), But it is a real, created place. God created it.

*When I consider the heavens, the work
of thy fingers ...*
Psalms 8:3



GOD'S HABITATION

Heaven is God's city, the place where God dwells.

*Look down from thy holy habitation,
from heaven ...*

Deuteronomy 26:15

God created, built and organised it as a city – the city of God.

*The name of the city of my God, which is
new Jerusalem, which cometh down out
of heaven from my God.*

Revelation 3:12

*And I John saw the holy city, new
Jerusalem, coming down from God out
of heaven, prepared ...*

Revelation 21:2

Jesus also confirmed this. Heaven is a place, a city with building, mansions.

*In my Father's house are many
mansions: if it were not so, I would have
told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
And if I go and prepare a place for you, I
will come again, and receive you unto*

myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:2-3

Different things God created existed in their different realms and have different properties: some visible, others invisible, but all are real.



LOCATED UP ABOVE

Different references in the bible tell us the location of heaven, up, above.

Exodus 20:4 ... *in heaven above*

Deuteronomy ... *He is God in heaven above*

Psalms 103:11 ... *the heaven is high above the earth*

Isaiah 14:13 ... *I will ascend into heaven*

Luke 2:14 ... *Glory to God in the highest*

That means, if we had the means to keep ascending high above the earth, clouds, atmosphere, planets, galaxies, and keep on ascending far above all space – there is a place up above in the highest – called Heaven.

Hebrews 1:10 says “... *the heavens are the works of thine hands*”. God is the one that put it up there in the highest by His hands. And when the time comes, he will cause to come down, the new Jerusalem out of heaven.

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How did Jesus Christ return to heaven after His mission on earth - He ascended. He went up!

*While he blessed them, he was ...
carried up into heaven*

Luke 24:51

*... So then after the Lord had spoken ...
He was received up into heaven*

Mark 16:19

*... While they beheld, He was taken up;
and a cloud received him out of their
sight*

Acts 1:9

When Jesus Christ return for His saints, at His second coming, how will he return - He will descend!

*Then shall appear the sign of the son of
man in heaven: ... they shall see the son
of man coming in the clouds of heaven
with power and great glory.*

Matthew 24:30

*And while they look steadfastly toward
heaven as he went up ... this same
Jesus, which is taken up from you into*

*heaven, SHALL SO COME IN LIKE
MANNER as ye have seen him go into
heaven*

Acts 1:10-11

Child of God, heaven is a real place, up above. It was created by God, and is being prepared by Jesus for His saints. Keep that revelation in memory.

Live daily with heaven on your mind. Keep your heart pure, trusting and loving Jesus Christ with all your heart.

Heaven is real! Live daily in the consciousness and reality of heaven.

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*And the city had no need of the sun,
neither of the moon, to shine in it; for the
glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is
the light thereof (Revelation 21:23)*





HEAVEN – A PLACE OF GOD'S PRESENCE AND GLORY



A song writer wrote these great words in a song about heaven.

I'm not thinking about the sights
Won't be there to enjoy the view
I think heaven will be alright
As long as you're there
As long as there is you

If there were no gates of pearl
If there were no streets of gold
If there were no other world
And a land where we won't grow old
(Donnie McClurkin)

The greatest wonder of heaven is the ever abiding presence of God. Heaven is a place of the

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overwhelming presence of God.

What is spiritual death? Eternal separation from God and His presence. What then is eternal spiritual life? The unending flow of God's glorious presence. That is what we will be enjoying in heaven. In John 14:3, Jesus said *"I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also"*.

Heaven is the place where we will be living and basking in the fullness of the tangible glory of God's presence.

Where I am, there shall also my servant be:

John 12:26

In heaven, we will never be separated from the presence of God. The presence of God is an indescribable saturation of everything good. Every good gift we enjoy today is mercy drops from God's presence. Then imagine dwelling in that awesome presence forever, world without end.

We ... shall be caught up ... to meet the Lord ... and so shall we EVER BE

WITH THE LORD

1 Thessalonians 4:17



ENDLESS LIGHT AND GLORY

The glory of God floods all of heaven – a glory that never dims or fades.

*And the city had no need of the sun,
neither of the moon, to shine in it; for
the glory of God did lighten it, and the
Lamb is the light thereof*

Revelation 21:23

God's plan is for us to be flooded with the fullness of His eternal glory. 1 Peter 5:10 reveals that God ... hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus. When Jesus shall appear in glory to take His saints with Him, "... *we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is ...*" (1 John 3:2).

So also is the resurrection

*... it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in
glory:"*

1 Corinthians 15:42

Nothing on earth compares to the glory that we will carry in heaven.

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*For I reckon that ... this present time ...
is not worthy to be compared with the
glory which shall be revealed in us.*

Romans 8:18

Nothing in this world should make you miss eternity in heaven. The glory is incomparable and immeasurable. The bible calls it “... a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory” (2 Corinthians 4:17).

Do not compromise or give up on your faith, purity and holiness because of pressure, persecutions, pain or problems. Live for God today, knowing you shall be clothed with His glory in heaven.

*He carried me away in the spirit to a
great and high mountain, and shewed
me THAT GREAT CITY, THE HOLY
JERUSALEM, DESCENDING OUT
OF HEAVEN FROM GOD HAVING
THE GLORY OF GOD ...*

Revelation 21:11-12

Child of God, great glory is coming for you in heaven. The new Jerusalem is coming, having the glory of God. You shall not miss that glory in Jesus

name.



NO NIGHT OR DARKNESS THERE

There shall be no night or darkness in heaven; nothing evil or bad or painful. There shall be no battle or hurt. Not even the memory of it. No night or darkness there.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun, for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. And He said to me these sayings are faithful and true.

Revelation 22:5-6

In Psalm 73 David almost gave up on his faith and love for God, because of life pressures.

But as for me, my feet were almost gone, my steps had well nigh slipped ... When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Verses 2-3

Do not allow the problems, pressures and persecutions of this world make you give up on your walk with God. Living for God might attract

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pain and persecution now, but it is never in vain.
Great glory is coming.

*Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain
... When I thought to know this, it was
too painful for me;*

Verses 14, 16

Consider the end of the wicked – eternity in the flaming fires of hell. Consider the end of the righteous – eternal glory in heaven. Living for God is never in vain. Nothing can compare to the coming glory of heaven.

*Until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then understood I their end ...
So foolish was I, and ignorant*

Verses 17, 22

Depend on the help, guidance and leading of God,
so you can share in the eternal glory of heaven.

*Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel
and afterward receive me to glory.*

Verse 24

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***Looking for that blessed hope, and
the glorious appearing of the great God
and our saviour Jesus Christ. (Titus 2:13)***





HEAVEN – OUR ETERNAL HOPE



Heaven is the ultimate hope of the believer. Everything we do and endure today must ultimately be about eternity in heaven. Heaven is our greatest hope and consolation.

*The hope which is laid up for you in
heaven, whereof ye heard before in the
word of truth of the gospel*

Colossians 1:5

Our hope as children of God cannot be only based on what this world has to offer. Even if everything in this world fails, our eternal hope in heaven will more than compensate and satisfy.

If in this life only we have hope in

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Christ, we are of all men most miserable
1 Corinthians 15:45



BLESSED HOPED

Eternity in heaven is our blessed hope.

*Looking for that blessed hope, and the
glorious appearing of the great God and
our saviour Jesus Christ.*

Titus 2:13

In this world we will experience a dimension of the blessings of God through Christ Jesus. But the ultimate fullness of God's blessing will be when Jesus appears to take us to heaven.

Therefore do not let any blessing you experience here distract, derail or disconnect you from the person of God, the blesser. Always look forward to heaven our ultimate blessed hope. We are to hold fast the confidence and rejoicing of this hope firm unto the end (Hebrews 3:6)



LIVELY HOPE

The hope of eternity in heaven is a lively hope, a living hope that never dies. It is a hope that keeps us living for God. The hope of eternity in heaven stirs and strengthens our resolve and

determination to live for God.

*Blessed be God ... which ... hath
begotten us again unto a lively hope by
the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the
dead.*

1 Peter 1:3

The God who resurrected Jesus Christ, will also raise us from death. As the resurrection and glorification of Jesus satisfied all the pain of the cross, so will the coming glory of heaven, swallow all our pain of the past.

Every child of God should look forward in hope – a lively, living hope:

*To an inheritance uncorruptible, and
undefiled, and that fadeth not away,
reserved in heaven for us*

1 Peter 1:4

Think clearly and focus your mind fully on the coming glory of heaven.

*Set your affection on things above, not
on things on the earth.*

Colossians 3:2



HOPE IN GOD ONLY

Throughout the bible, believers are exhorted to hope in God only. Men will fail, and systems will disappoint. Only God never lies or fail.

*Why art thou cast down ... hope thou in
God*

Psalms 42:5

Thou art my hope, O Lord God,
thou art my trust ...

Psalms 71:5

When people and plans fail and disappoint,
remember that ONLY GOD was your trust and
hope.

*My soul, WAIT THOU ONLY upon
God; for my expectation is from him.
HE ONLY is my rock and my salvation*

Psalms 62:5-6



HOPE ULTIMATELY IN HEAVEN

God has reserved His ultimate for us in heaven. This world has fallen and has been corrupted. It is impossible for all that God has for us to be released to us in this fallen world. God's best is for those who will hope to the end, and partake in the glory

of heaven.

Wait on God to the end “... *for the hope which is laid up for you in heaven ...*” (Colossians 1:5). Hope and wait patiently for the glory that will be given to you by God in heaven.

*I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait,
and in his word do I hope*

Psalm 130:5

*But if we hope for that we see not, then
do we with patience wait for it.*

Romans 8:25

May you not go after the things of this world; and miss our eternal hope in Christ; the glory that shall be revealed on us in heaven.

CHAPTER

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***And in this mountain shall the LORD
of hosts make unto all people a feast
of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees
of fat things full of marrow ...
Isaiah 25:6***



CHAPTER SEVEN



HEAVEN – A PLACE OF JOY AND FEASTING



Heaven is a place of fullness of joy, where our joy shall be made full. There shall be no sorrow or sadness in heaven. Jesus described heaven with joy.

*Well done, thou good and faithful
servant ... enter thou into THE JOY
OF THE LORD*

Matthew 25:21, 23

The return of God's children back to God is always characterised by great joy

*The ransomed of the LORD shall
return, and come to zion with songs*

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*and everlasting joy ... they shall obtain
gladness and joy, and sorrow and
sighing shall flee away.*

Isaiah 35:10

The return of a lost soul back to God in repentance,
also provokes an eruption of joy in heaven.

*I say unto you, that ... joy shall be in
heaven over one sinner that repenteth
... there is joy in the presence of angels
of God over one sinner that repenteth*

Luke 15:7,10

The joy of our return to heaven will be such this
world has never seen or know. Oh my friend, do
not miss eternity in heaven.

*... When his glory shall be revealed, ye
may be glad also with exceeding joy*

1 Pewter 4:13b

Exceeding joy means, joy that exceeds all that
this world has ever known. Another version
renders it:

*“The wonderful joy of seeing His glory,
when it is revealed” (NLT)*

The revelation of heaven in the bible paints a picture, full of so much joy, gladness and singing.

They sung a new song saying, Thou art worthy.

Revelation 5:9

And they sung as it were a new song before the throne ...

Revelation 14:3

And they sing the song of Moses ... and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty

Revelation 15:3



NONE LEFT OUT

Everyone in heaven is singing and worshipping with great joy.

- The four beasts and twenty four elders (Revelation 4:8-11).

They rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou

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hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Revelation 4:11

- Many angels and elders, round about the throne (Revelation 5:11-14)

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

- The saints in heaven too

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:

And I heard as it were the voice of great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him:

Revelation 19:1, 6, 7

Child of God, begin now to live the life of joyful

praise. God's presence is always characterised by fullness of joy.



TABLE OF FEASTS

Our God prepares tables of blessings for His people. God's presence is full of joyful feasting.

Thou preparest a table before me.

Psalms 23:5

*And in this mountain shall the LORD
of hosts make unto all people a feast of
fat things, a feast of wines on the lees of
fat things full of marrow ...*

Isaiah 25:6

Different spiritual delicacies are mentioned, on service in heaven.

- **The tree of life**

*To him that overcometh will I grant to
eat of the tree of life, which is in the
midst of the paradise of God.*

Revelation 2:7

- **The hidden manna**

*To him that overcometh will I give to eat
of the hidden manna ..*

Revelation 2:17

- **The water of life**

And he said unto me, it is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Revelation 21:6

- **The marriage supper of the lamb**

And he said unto me, write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Revelation 19:9

- **Twelve manner of fruits**

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare, twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

HEAVEN - A PLACE OF JOY AND FEASTING

CHAPTER

8

***For the Lord shall comfort zion:
he will comfort all her waste places ...
joy and gladness shall be found therein ...
(Isaiah 51:3)***





HEAVEN – A PLACE OF COMFORT AND PEACE



Our God is the God of all comfort who comforts His people.

*For the Lord shall comfort zion: he will
comfort all her waste places ... joy and
gladness shall be found therein ...*

Isaiah 51:3

The very promise and hope of a glorious eternity in
heaven imparts comfort to the soul.

*For the Lord himself shall descend from
heaven ... then we shall be caught up ...
to meet the Lord ... and so shall we ever
be with the lord. Wherefore
COMFORT ONE ANOTHER WITH
THESE WORDS.*

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

Lazarus, in paradise or Abraham's bosom was comforted, while the rich sinner who died was being tormented in hell, the place of torment (Luke 16:23-25). God has prepared heaven for our joy and comfort.



NO MORE SORROW

The removal of sorrow, sighing and mourning brings comfort. In heaven God will take away all sorrow and mourning. Isaiah 51:11-12 says

Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head. Sorrow and mourning shall flee away I, even I, am he that comforteth you ...



NO HUNGER, THIRST AND TEARS

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Revelation 7:16-17

The presence of God supplies all healing and comfort for all pain. The awesome presence of God in the new Jerusalem will heal and comfort all saints in heaven.

I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven ... Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them ... God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Revelation 21:2-3

That is the glorious presence of God that comforts and removes all sorrow. It makes all pain to pass away.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, no crying, neither shall there be anymore pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:4

All those that have given their lives to Jesus, and received the free gift of eternal salvation, shall experience the joy and comfort of heaven. Child of God, lift up you eyes and look up, our days of comfort are fast approaching.

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And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there

Revelation 21:24-25

Everything that caused pain and crying will pass away. God will make all things new in heaven. All pain, memories, feelings and scars of the past will be erased ... for the former things are passed away.

The God that cannot lie has reserved comfort for us in heaven.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold I make all things new. And he said, unto me, write: for those words are true and faithful.

Revelation 21:5

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CHAPTER

9

***And I John saw the holy city,
new Jerusalem, coming down from God
out of heaven prepared ...
(Revelation 21:2)***





HEAVEN – A PLACE OF PURITY AND PROSPERITY



Everything about heaven is holy, pure and beautiful. All these qualities flow out of the very nature of God. Our God is incomparably holy, and indescribably beautiful.



A HOLY CITY

*And I John saw the holy city, new
Jerusalem, coming down from God out
of heaven prepared ...*

Revelation 21:2

The very name of the city shows purity and holiness. How can anything sinful, impure and defiled enter there?

And there shall in no wise enter into it

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any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

To have your portion in heaven God's holy city, you must be washed in the blood of the Lamb. Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people. Heaven is a holy place for those who will pay the price of living holy. Child of God purge yourself of everything impure and unclean.

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived:

1 Corinthians 6:9a

The New Living Translation puts it in clearer terms

Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality (or lesbianism), or are thieves or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people – none of these will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Beloved, repent and turn away from all sinful practices. Realize this truth today – those who do wrong will not inherit the kingdom of God.



PURE AND CLEAR

Everything in heaven is pure, clear transparent. That speaks of perfect purity and beauty without blemish. The beauty and prosperity of heaven is beyond our imagination.

- the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass ...
- the foundations were garnished with all manner of precious stones ...
- the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl.
- the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

(Revelation 21:2-19)



SEA OF GLASS

And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal:

Revelation 4:6

Even the river and sea exudes and radiates purity, beauty and prosperity. All these wonders have been prepared for believers in heaven. Heaven is a place of purity for those who repent

and keep themselves pure. Revelation 22:1 also says *“And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb”*.



PURIFY YOURSELF

Child of God, Jesus Christ cleansed and saved you from sin, so you stay away from sin and live free of sin. You have the responsibility to resist and depart from sin. Keep yourself pure, unspotted from the world.

And every man that hath this hope (of heaven) in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.

1 John 3:3

A pure and holy God will not dwell with unholy and impure people. You must engage the word of God with brutal rugged obedience, and flee all appearance of sin. God's purity must be our standard of purity. God's holiness must be our standard of holiness.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

1 Peter 1:15

Jesus is preparing a place for you in heaven; prepare yourself to possess that glory land above.



A PURE CHURCH

We, the individual believers, make up the church. When the individual believer purifies himself and lives holy, the church will be holy. When each of us purify ourselves the church will be pure.

What kind of church did Jesus die, to present to himself?

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:26-27

God demands that you put away every weight and stain of sin. Lay aside every filthy habit and lifestyle. Depart from sin and never go back again. Receive grace to live in absolute purity and holiness.

CHAPTER

10

***Knowing that of the Lord ye
shall receive the reward ... for ye serve
the Lord Christ. (Colossians 3:24)***





HEAVEN – A PLACE OF REST AND REWARD



God is a faithful rewarder of those who diligently seek and serve Him (Hebrews 11:6). Our labour and service in the Lord is not in vain.

- God recognises

*The foundation of God standeth sure,
having this seal. The Lord knoweth
them that are his ...*

2 Timothy 2:19

What a consolation! Keep on serving God. No one might see and know you, but God sees and He knows. God knows those who are labouring for Him. Jesus know those who are serving Him.

- **God records and remembers**

Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them...

Malachi 3:16

Do not be idle in God's house. Do not be weary of serving and working for God. God is keeping a true and faithful record. He never forgets our labour of faith, and work of love. Your work for God is being recorded.

- **God re-examines for quality**

God is interested in the heart and attitude with which you serve him. The quality of your service is as important as the quantity of work you do for God. Let every person take heed how he serves and works for God.

Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

1 Corinthians 3:13

God's pure fire will examine every action, service, song, sermon and ministry duty. Nothing of low or carnal quality will escape the fire. Do the right thing, and do it with the right heart. Put away all iniquity, impurity, carnality, and fleshly tendencies. Serve God with purity, humility, charity and unity. Serve God with the right heart and attitude

If any man's work abide ... he shall receive a reward ... If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss ...

1 Corinthians 3:14-15

- **God rewards**

No service done truly for God will go unrewarded. Every one that serves God shall be rewarded by God.

Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward ... for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:24

Be rest assured; God is too faithful to leave you unrewarded. Even if there seems to be a delay, the reward will surely come. Serve God and never be weary. "Be not weary in well doing ..." (Galatians

6:9).

Likewise also the good works of some are manifested before hand: and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

1 Timothy 5:25



REWARDS IN HEAVEN

Heaven itself is a reward for your salvation and holy living. And in heaven service and labour for God shall be gloriously rewarded. We are to labour for God now, so we can enter into the rest and reward of heaven.

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Hebrews 4:11

There is a blessed rest for those who labour faithfully in God's kingdom

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Revelation 14:13

What are you doing for God today, that will follow you as a testimony to heaven? There shall be no reward for the idle and the unfaithful.

Jesus is preparing great rewards for faithful labourers in the kingdom. He is coming with his rewards: are you laying up the service and labour that will qualify you to be rewarded in heaven?

In Revelation 22:12-14, the bible says, *“And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be. Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life”*.



CONSIDER SOME REWARDS

- **Promotion in authority and rulership;** for faithful use of potentials for God.

*Welcome, good and faithful servant;
thou has been faithful over a few things,
I will make thee ruler over many things*

...

Matthew 25:21-23

- **Crown of life,** for loving God and enduring temptations, persecutions and tribulations.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him

James 1:12

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: ... prison ... tribulation ... be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Revelation 2:10

- **Crown of rejoicing;** for winning, discipling and planting souls in Christ; helping souls stand in faith till rapture.

For what is our hope, or joy or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye (saved and planted souls) in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming.

1 Thessalonians 2:19

- **Incorruptible crown;** for living a life of self-discipline, self-denial, and death to flesh.

And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown,

BUT WE AN INCORRUPTIBLE ...

1 Corinthians 9:25

- **Crown of glory;** for humility, willing, and exemplary lifestyle in kingdom leadership and eldership.

The elders which are among you I exhort ... Feed the flock of God ... willingly ... of a ready mind ... Neither as being lords ... but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

1 Peter 5:1-4

- **Crown of righteousness;** for zealous, outstanding and exceptional labour in kingdom call and service.

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 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 that love His appearing.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

- **Crowns of gold;** for longstanding commitment, devotion and dedication to the Lord Jesus and His kingdom.

And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

Revelation 4:4

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CHAPTER

11

*Therefore be ye also ready;
for in such an hour as ye think not the
son of man cometh. (Matthew 24:44)*





HEAVEN - LIVE READY



Do not only get ready, live ready and prepared for the coming of the Lord Jesus, and the rapture of the saints.

Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh.

Matthew 24:44

1. Be consecrated in sanctification

And one of the elders answered and said unto me, what are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? ... These are they which ... have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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Therefore are they before the throne of God and serve him.

Revelation 7:13-15

Beloved, get washed in the blood of Jesus, and live pure. Keep your garment holy.

2. Be courageous to stand

Ye shall be hated of ... men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Mark 13:13

Do not bow to temptation, trials, persecutions, pressures, etc. Stand and endure to the end.

3. Be comforted if you suffer

If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God rested upon you ...

1 Peter 4:14a

If you suffer wrong for the name of Jesus, endure and rejoice. A great glory and blessing awaits you in the future. *"Count it all joy ..."* (James 1:2-4)

4. Be committed to service

Heaven is God's reward for His servants. Be a committed, active servant in God's house.

*If a man serve me, let him follow me;
and where I am, there will my servant
be ...*

John 12:26

*And in heaven our service to God will
continue day and night*

Revelation 7:15, 22:13

5. Be confident to strive on

Do not be tired, weary, discouraged or down casted. Keep your hope, and passion for God high.

*Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast
which thou hast, that no man take thy
crown.*

Revelation 3:11

Do not fall by the side, and let another replace you. Whoever takes your place has also taken your crown.

6. Be concerned to win souls

There is little joy in appearing in heaven without

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souls you won. Rise up to win, disciple and plant souls in God's kingdom.

For what is our hope or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye, in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming.

1 Thessalonians 2:19

7. Be conscious of the Saviour's return.

Live daily in the hope and eager expectation of His return. Do not become over-comfortable in this corrupt world. This is not our home.

These all ... confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. They ... declare plainly that they seek a country. They desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

Hebrews 11:14-16

Jesus is coming for believers who are looking forward to His return. Live with heaven and eternity in your heart and mind.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen

Revelation 22:20



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