

## HEAVEN

We sing the comforting words, “How beautiful Heaven must be.” The Apostle John writes, “there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald...And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal” (Rev. 4:6, 7). He also pens, “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” (Rev. 22:5). Though Jesus uses words that men can comprehend in regards to the glory and majesty of Heaven, without doubt, Heaven will be much more beautiful than anything man has ever seen or imagined. In addition, the beauty of Heaven is only one aspect of its greatness.

**Heaven is a place of rest.** Jesus pleads with all to accept the rest He offers.

*Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light (Mat. 11:28-30).*

While there is much work and toil to be done here on Earth, Heaven is a place where all labor will end. The sweat, pain, and travail of this life were the result of sin.

*And unto Adam He said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return (Gen. 3:17-19).*

When man sinned, he was cast out of the Garden of Eden and lost access to the tree of life (Gen. 3:24). But through obedience to Christ and His Word, man may regain the right to the tree of life (Rev. 22:14), “which is in the midst of the Paradise of God” (Rev. 2:17). It is in the “Paradise of God” and in Heaven that, through works of obedience and a life of faithfulness to God, man will once again find the rest that was lost because of sin. “There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into His rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest” (Heb. 4:9-11).

**Heaven is a place of rejoicing.** In Jesus’ revelation, John saw the faithful and saved in Heaven,

*Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever (Rev. 5:12-13).*

Heaven is a place of eternal worship to God. In Heaven, there will be no tears, no death, no sorrow, no crying and no pain (Rev. 21:4).

**Heaven is the eternal home of the saved (Rev. 21:7).** Those who HEAR God’s Word (Rom. 10:17), BELIEVE God’s Word (John 8:24), REPENT of their sins (Acts 17:30), are

BAPTIZED in order to have their sins washed away (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rev. 1:5), and REMAIN FAITHFUL until the end (Rev. 2:10), will hear the words, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of thy Lord (Mat. 25:21).

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