

Lesson 23 – The Realities of Heaven

- 1) Is Heaven just a concept?

John 14:1-3 “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a _____ for you. And if I go and prepare a _____ for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.”

NOTE: Jesus said that He is preparing a place for you. So, heaven cannot be a state of mind as many would suggest. Heaven is a literal place.

- 2) What did the Lord promise to do with this earth?

2 Peter 3:10-13 “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. *Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for _____ and a _____, wherein dwelleth righteousness.”

NOTE: God promised to make a new heavens and a new earth where righteousness dwells. The only reason that righteousness will dwell on the earth, is because that is where God will dwell.

- 3) Who will inherit the new earth?

Matthew 5:5 “Blessed *are* the _____: for they shall inherit the earth.”

NOTE: What does it mean to be meek? Does it mean weak? No, not at all. The word “meek” means submissive or humble. The people that will be on the new earth will not be proud people. They will be willing to submit to God’s leading.

- 4) Where will the holy city come from?

Revelation 21:1-5 “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of _____, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

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

NOTE: The holy city will come down from God out of heaven.

- 5) Why did God create the earth in the first place?

Isaiah 45:18 “For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be _____: I am the LORD; and there is none else.”

NOTE: God created this world to be inhabited.

- 6) What will the new earth be like?

Micah 4:8 “And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the _____; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.”

NOTE: It will be like the first dominion. It will be like The Garden of Eden before sin entered. It will be a beautiful place.

- 7) What kind of bodies will the redeemed have in heaven?

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

NOTE: We will have immortal bodies that are not subject to decay and death.

- 8) Will physical handicaps still exist in heaven?

Isaiah 35:3-6 “Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the _____ shall be opened, and the ears of the _____ shall be unstopped. Then shall the _____ *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the _____ sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.”

NOTE: Those who are physically challenged will be challenged no longer. Their health will be restored in full vigor. They will be filled with joy because they will be completely healed.

9) What will the redeemed be doing in heaven?

Isaiah 65:21-23 “And they shall _____ houses, and _____ *them* ; and they shall _____ vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree *are* the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they *are* the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.”

NOTE: The redeemed will build the homes of their dreams, and will plant the gardens that they have always wanted. It will be a wonderful time.

10) What will the animal kingdom be like in heaven?

Isaiah 65:25 “The ____ and the ____ shall feed _____, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust *shall be* the serpent' meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.”

NOTE: Today in our world, the wolf and the lamb cannot be together in one place. When the earth is made new there will be no killing of animals. The very nature of animals as we know it today will be changed. The whole face of nature will be changed. It will be pure peace without any hidden agendas. I am looking forward to be in a place like that!

11) What will our relationship with Jesus be like?

Revelation 22:3-4 “And there shall be no more _____ : but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads.”

NOTE: We will delight to serve God, a God whom we will love in return for what He has so lovingly done for us.

12) How can you enter into the city of New Jerusalem?

Revelation 21:7-8 >“He that _____ shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

NOTE: Here we have a description of those who are allowed inside the city, and those who will not be in the city. Needless to say, the great majority will be outside of the city. God calls us to be over comers, to overcome sin and its power. This has already been accomplished through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. He wants to work through us to give us the victory over our sinful nature.

13) What is the invitation for us today?

Revelation 22:17 “And the Spirit and the bride say, _____. And let him that heareth say, _____. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life _____.”

NOTE: God does not force or coerce us to do what He wants us to do. He is gentle and allows us to see why we should follow Him. I appreciate this about God so much. There are many people on the planet today that manipulate, that force and push others to do their bidding. I am happy that God is not like that. He says, “I love you. I want you to follow me so you will be happier, so you will be free. But it is up to you.” I can freely serve a God like that.

IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To make plans to be on the earth made new? Yes or No