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Zion (Your Eternal Home)

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Heaven!! The very word whispers peace to our soul. This old troubled world has nothing for the child of God – it brings no peace, no lasting joy, no fellowship – nothing but sorrow, heartache, disappointments . . . and death.

Ah, but Heaven!!

WHAT IS “HEAVEN”?

A. We Often Use The Term “Heaven” Loosely.

The Bible actually refers to *three* heavens:

1. Look up and read: *Genesis 1:8,20; Jeremiah 4:25; and Daniel 4:12.*
In these Scriptures, the Heaven referred to may be called the FIRST HEAVEN. In your own words, what is the First Heaven?

2. Look up: *Genesis 22:17; Nehemiah 9:23; and Psalm 19:1.*
These Scriptures refer to the SECOND HEAVEN. In your own words, what is the Second Heaven?

3. Look up: *I Kings 8:27,30 and II Corinthians 12:2.*
These Scriptures refer to a Heaven which is the ABODE OF GOD. What is this Heaven called?

In this lesson, the Heaven to which we refer is the last of those above – the place where God is.

B. What Is ZION?

Zion is another name for Jerusalem. It is also used three ways:

1. *II Samuel 5:7* – the City of _ _ _ _ _ .

2. *Isaiah 2:2-4* — the Jerusalem of the M _ _ _ _ _ (the 1,000-year-reign of Christ on earth).
3. *Hebrews 12:22* — the H _ _ _ City.

C. In this lesson, the Zion to which we refer is the last of those above — the New Jerusalem of Heaven.

WHAT DOES DEATH MEAN FOR THE CHRISTIAN?

A. Look up: *II Corinthians 5:6-8*. These verses teach that:

1. To be at HOME in the BODY is to be _ _ _ _ _ from the Lord.
2. To be ABSENT from the BODY is to be _ _ _ _ _ with the Lord.

B. Look up: *Philippians 1:23,24*. If Paul Was To D _ _ _ _ _ , He Would Be C _ _ _ _ _ .

These Scriptures clearly teach that when a Christian dies his soul is immediately transported into the very presence of Christ (the body returns to the dust, awaiting its Resurrection).

C. Look up: *Revelation 6:9-11*.

Where does this passage teach the souls of slain and departed believers are?

D. Look up: *Luke 16:22*. How was the soul of Lazarus transported to Paradise?

Note: These Scriptures give the lie to such common teachings as:

PURGATORY

SOUL SLEEP

REINCARNATION

Should our blessed Lord's return not occur in your lifetime, and you go the way of all men, be assured — you will go home to be with the Lord! Death is but a graduation to Glory! Along with millions of believers gone home before you, the words of *Psalm 23:4* will be a sweet reality:

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the _ _ _ _ _ of _ _ _ _ _ ,
I will fear no _ _ _ _ _ , for _ _ _ _ _ art _ _ _ _ _ me..."

WILL WE KNOW ONE ANOTHER IN HEAVEN?

The Bible indicates that we **will** indeed recognize each other — our loved ones, friends, etc., throughout the eternal ages.

A. In Heaven We Will All Have Glorified Bodies.

Read: *I Corinthians 15:35-53*. We shall receive our new, glorified body at the Rapture — the moment when our Lord shall come in the air and “catch up” Christians.

B. What Will This Glorified Body Look Like?

The best way to answer that is to consider the Lord Jesus Christ after His resurrection and in His glorified body:

1. *John 20:20* — Was He recognizable? _____
2. *John 20:27* — Was He touchable? _____
3. *Acts 1:3* — Was He able to communicate? _____
4. *John 20:19, Luke 24:31* — Was He physically restricted? _____
5. *Luke 24:36-43* — Was He able to eat? _____

C. According to *Philippians 3:21*, what will happen to our body at the moment of the Rapture? _____

D. Write out: *I John 3:2*. _____

WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE?

A. According to *I Corinthians 2:9*, is it possible to adequately describe what Heaven will be like? _____

B. Read: *II Corinthians 12:2-4*. Evidently the apostle Paul was given a “sneak preview” of Heaven.

Why didn't Paul give us a detailed description of Heaven? _____

C. According to *Hebrews 9:24*, the very presence of _ _ _ is in Heaven.

D. *Revelation 4:2-10* describes God's T _ _ _ _ _ which is located in Heaven.

E. Read: *Hebrews 12:22-24*. List the Seven things to be found in Heaven.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

F. The "Centerpiece" of the Eternal Heaven is the Holy City of God, The _____
_____. *Revelation 21:2*

WHAT IS THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM GOING TO BE LIKE?

- A. According to *John 14:2*, it is currently being P _____ by the Lord Jesus Christ
- B. *Hebrews 11:10,16* tells us the Builder of this great City Is _____.
- C. If there are 8 furlongs to a mile (5 furlongs in 1 kilometer), then what – according to *Revelation 21:16* – are the dimensions of this City?
1. Length =
 2. Breadth =
 3. Height =
- D. According to *Revelation 21:21*, the City Has _____ gates, and each gate is one _____.
- E. The same verse (as above) tells us the streets of this City are of _____
_____.

WHO SHALL INHABIT THE HEAVENLY CITY?

- A. *Revelation 21:24* – The nations of them which are _ _ _ _ _ .
- B. *Revelation 21:27b* – They which are written in the _ _ _ _ _ ' _ _ _ _ _
of _ _ _ _ _ .

WHAT WILL BE MISSING IN HEAVEN?

The Book of The Revelation Chapters 21 and 22 give us the most detailed description of our future home. (Of course, like any real estate advertisement, you have to actually see it before you can fully appreciate it!)

There are some things which will **not** be found in Heaven:

- A. No more D _ _ _ _ _ . (21:4)
- B. No more S _ _ _ _ _ . (21:4)
- C. No more C _ _ _ _ _ . (21:4)
- D. No more P _ _ _ _ . (21:4)
- E. No more T _ _ _ _ _ . (21:22)
- F. No more S _ _ _ or M _ _ _ . (21:23)
- G. No more N _ _ _ _ _ . (21:25 and 22:5)
- H. No more C _ _ _ _ _ . (22:3)

WHAT SHALL WE DO IN HEAVEN ?

Don't be led astray by the common notion that we shall be floating around on clouds, dressed in white gowns, flapping a pair of wings, and strumming a harp for all eternity. The Bible teaches **NO SUCH THING!**

- A. In Heaven, We Will SING PRAISES To God.
According to *Revelation 5:9*, the redeemed of all ages will sing a N _ _
S _ _ _ _ .

B. In Heaven, We Will SERVE GOD Continually.

See: *Revelation 7:15* and *22:3,5*.

C. In Heaven, We Will FELLOWSHIP Continually.

According to *Revelation 3:21*, we will _ _ _ with the Lord Jesus Christ at His

CAN I HAVE "HEAVEN ON EARTH?"

The happiest, most memorable, most joyful and loving experiences on earth will pale into insignificance when compared with the bliss of Heaven.

Nevertheless, God intends for three things NOW to be a foretaste of Heaven to come:

- Your HOME.
- Your CHURCH.
- Your personal WALK with the Lord.

Each of these should reflect (albeit in an incomplete way) a portent of Heaven.

READING ASSIGNMENT:

Read the last two chapters of the Book of The Revelation.

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION:

Try to commit to memory: *John 14:2*.