



How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

Colossians 1:3-5

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³ We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,
⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; ⁵ because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel...

What We Know about Heaven from Vision of the Apocalypse...



Revelation 4:9-11

⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: ¹¹ “You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.”

- Previous verses note the absolute holiness of God
- All seen giving glory & honor to God
- All giving worship to God on His throne
- All ascribe glory & honor unto God due to His power, “*for you created all things*”
- All note reason for creation: “*by Your will they exist and were created*”

Revelation 5:8-14

⁸ Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb... ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, ¹⁰ and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.” ¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne..., ¹² saying with a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³ And every creature which is in heaven and on earth... : “Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!”

- Heavenly beings fall down before Lamb
- All sing glorifying the Lamb as worthy & exalting His work in salvation
- All declare Lamb worthy to receive power, riches, wisdom, might, honor, glory, blessings & dominion for ever and ever
- All say, “Amen,” and fall down to worship

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude... 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.” ¹³ Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?” ¹⁴ And I said to him, “Sir, you know.” So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. ¹⁶ They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

- Clothed in white robes with palm branches in their hands
- Cry out that salvation belongs to God & the Lamb
- Fall down on the face to worship God
- These were ones who came out of great tribulation (*Rev. 6:9-11*)
- Now before the throne because they were washed in Lamb's blood & “*they serve Him day & night*” – God cares for them

Revelation 11:16-18

¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying: “We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned. ¹⁸ The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

- Previous verse recognizes the eternal reign of God *vs.* earth
- Fall down on their faces to worship God
- Give thanks to God for taking His power & reigning
- Thanks for the reign of God includes:
 - *wrath brought in judgment of wickedness*
 - *reward given to all that fear name of God whether small or great*

Revelation 12:7-12

⁷ And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. ⁹ So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. ¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. ¹² Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.”

- Exclaim the present availability of salvation, power, kingdom of God & authority of Christ
- Thanksgiving for casting down of Satan
- Praise for power to overcome by blood, the word & willingness to give own life
- Rejoice at Satan’s banishment – pity & warning to those affected

Revelation 15:2-4

² And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. ³ They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: “Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! ⁴ Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested.”

- Sing song of honor & praise
- “Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty”
- Acclaim God’s ways as “**Just and True**”
- Holiness of God is praised as unique and total – “*You alone...*”
- Call upon all to fear and glorify God
- Note: “**All**” come and worship before Him

Revelation 19:1-9

¹ After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, “Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power *belong* to the Lord our God! ² For true and righteous *are* His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants *shed* by her.” ³ Again they said, “Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!” ⁴ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, “Amen! Alleluia!” ⁵ Then a voice came from the throne, saying, “Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!” ⁶ And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, “Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! ⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” ⁸ And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. ⁹ Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed *are* those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’ ” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.”

- Praise God as possessing salvation, glory & power
- Praise God for His righteous judgment brought against evil
- Fall down & worship God – All called upon to praise God
- Glory given to God who provides victory to His people over the opposition of evil

Revelation 21:1-8

¹ 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.”

Revelation 22:1-5

¹ And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ² In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. ⁴ They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. ⁵ There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

Things Not Found in Heaven

- No hunger, thirst or heat of sun (*Rev. 7:16*)
- No curse, no night (*Rev. 22:3, 5*)
- No tears, death, mourning, crying or pain (*Rev. 21:4*)
- Nothing unclean & no one making abomination or a lie (*Rev. 21:27*)

“I Go & Prepare a Place for You”

(John 14:1-3)

For Whom Did Jesus Prepare a Place?

- Those going to God in song & prayer
- Those desiring to learn from His word
- Those continually praising God for His power
- Those constantly thanking God for salvation
- Those weary from battling Satan & his allies by opposing the ways of sin & error
- Those taking every opportunity for worship
- Those now seeking an eternity of more worship, praise & learning of God's will

**Am I Prepared in Heart &
Life for that Prepared Place?**

