

The BEST thing about Heaven
Part 2

Living with God

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Last Sunday we considered what a thrill it will be for us to see God, face-to-face on the New Earth. Today, I want to share with you a few thoughts about what it will be like to live with God.

In Eden, God came down to Earth, and visited with Adam and Eve. On the New Earth, God and mankind will be able to come see each other whenever they wish. We will not have to leave home to visit God, not will God leave home to visit with us. God and mankind will live together forever in the same home – The New Earth.

1. God promised that He would come and live with us.

Isn't that exactly the opposite of what we think of Heaven? Namely, that we after we die we, "go to live with God." But notice what the scripture says:

"I will put my dwelling place among you, and I will not abhor you. I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people." Leviticus 26:11-12

Not only will God come to live with us on Earth, he will be bringing his dwelling place with him. What is his "dwelling place"?

The New Jerusalem, an entire city of people, structures, streets, walls, rivers and trees that is now in the present Heaven. Have you ever seen a house being relocated? It is a massive undertaking. But God will have no problem relocating an entire city – Heaven's capital city, to the Earth.

"He has prepared a city for them..." Hebrews 11:16.
You will notice that it does not say...

"He will prepare a city..."

"He is preparing a city..."

But that he *has prepared*. Folks, it's a done deal. The city is ready and waiting.

God's center of government will be the New Earth. This will be the ultimate answer to the Lord's prayer, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven."

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2. Will remove everything that is bad and magnify everything that is good.

"My dwelling place will be with them; My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people, and they will be my people." Ezekiel 37:27

As you know in Heaven sin will be no more. The curse will be gone and everything will be restored to God's original design. But I want you to consider this truth on a personal level. At this point, I am not talking about your surroundings but rather I am talking about you and specifically, your heart.

You see, God is, was and will be after your heart. He loves you. He wants to be with you and paid the ultimate price to bring you into His family – as His own child.

In Heaven God will heal "me". Not my body because I will already have an awesome body. He will heal me from my Hurts, hang-ups, emotional scars, self-deceit and self-righteousness.

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3. Will cause me to never again question God's goodness.

Because I will be able to:

A. See His goodness

What a joy it will be to able to look back in your past and see the goodness of God – even in what we considered our “darkest hour.”

B. Breath His goodness

In breathing in God’s goodness, we will want to breath in even more. Do you remember what it smells like, way up in the mountains, after it rains? Do you remember the smell of arriving somewhere close to the ocean? That would be a sampling of Heaven. Like the samples they give out at Costco. A little taste.

C. Taste His goodness

“On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.” Isaiah 25:6

What kind of cook do you think God is? And how will it make you feel to have your Heavenly Father prepare a meal for you? But not only is God going to prepare a meal for you, He is going to serve it to you. Can you imagine that? That King is going to become a servant to His servants on at least this occasion:

“It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will *dress himself to serve*, will have them recline at the table and will *come and wait on them*.” Luke 12:37

D. Touch it E. Hear it F. Enjoy it

“*I will live with them and walk among them*, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.” 2 Corinthians 6:16

- Whatever the wonders of Heaven may be,
God himself is Heavens greatest treasure.

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4. Will reunite the Circle.

Maybe the older we get the more we desire Heaven because the more of our family and friends we have seen go on ahead. All of us in this world live in a dissolving family circle.

A mother, father, child or grandparents are gone, or friends are gone, or a brother is gone. If we live long enough, we shall be strangers in this earth. If it weren’t for babies being born, everyone we knew and loved would someday be gone. But the circle is unbroken in heaven. There is no death there

Just three days before his death Dr. F. B. Meyer wrote to his friend, Pastor David Findlay, Glasgow, Scotland:

"My Dear Findlay:

“To my surprise, I have been told that my days and hours are numbered. It may be that before this reaches you, I shall have gone into the palace. Don’t trouble to write. We shall meet in the morning.

With much love,
Yours affectionately,
F. B. Meyer"