

The Present Heaven
Part 6

What is life like in the
Present Heaven? Pt 3
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“9When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. ¹⁰They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?” ¹¹Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.” Rev 6:9-11

21 things we can learn about the Present Heaven
from these 3 verses (continued):

15. Those in Heaven are distinct individuals.

“Then each of them was given a white robe” V 11
...each of them...

16. The martyrs’ wearing white robes suggests they have actual physical forms, because disembodied spirits don’t wear robes.

17. God answers their question.

“...and they were told to wait a little longer...”

A question that you might want to consider asking the Lord:
“Lord, please show me where my heart has been wounded?”

Have you ever wondered why you have the little habits that you have? Perfectionism, anger, fear of intimacy, loneliness, etc.

It is certainly probable that our insecurities have all grown out of a wounded heart. If the wound is never healed, we tend to take it out on those around us.

TEST:

1. Lord, my heart is good.

2. Lord, my heart matters to you.

When you made that statement, what popped into your brain?
Agreement or disagreement?

If your first thought was that of disagreement, you just heard a lie from the devil. The devil has tremendous power to speak to us via our wounded heart.

“They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious.”
Jeremiah 6:14

18. Those in the Present Heaven live in anticipation of the future fulfillment of God’s promises.

- Unlike the eternal Heaven, the present Heaven coexists with and watches over an Earth under sin, the Curse, and suffering.

19. There is time in the present Heaven.

- The martyrs ask God a “time” dependent question.
“How long...until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?” V. 10

God answers that they must, “wait a little longer”
Doesn’t waiting require the passing of “time”

20. People in Heaven has a strong familial connection with those on Earth, who are called their,

“fellow servants and brothers” V. 11

We share the same Father, “from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.”
Eph 3:15 ESV

- We are family with those who’ve gone to Heaven ahead of us and when we go to heaven, we’ll still be one family with those on earth.
- These verses demonstrate a vital connection between the events and people in heaven and the events and people on earth.

21. Our sovereign God knows down to the last detail all that is happening and will happen on earth, including every drop of blood shed and every bit of suffering under gone by his children.

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Rev 6:11