

What will our lives be like on
the new Earth? Part 7

What will our daily lives
be like?

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I. We will Work

‘I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.’ John 17:4 (NLT)

How will we glorify God for eternity?
By doing everything he tells us to do.

‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’ Jer 29:11

Jesus said to His Father, ‘His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ Matthew 25:23 (NKJV)

Four great things about your job in Heaven

1. Personalized or unique

You will be given a job on the New Earth that was created specifically for you to do. In Heaven, you will never hear God say, ‘Well, let’s just give that job to Bryan Day and see if he can do it.’

My job in heaven will be specifically gear to the person that God made me to be and will certainly be enveloped in my interests, personality, capacity, and reward that I have earned while here on this earth.

‘I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance.’ Rev 2:2

2. Joyful

3. Fulfilling

4. Your job will give glory to God and put a smile on His face.

II. We will Rest

We live in a very harried world today! The word "rest" is almost missing from our vocabulary! I hear all the time people talking about trying to get some "rest".

Certainly “rest” can be defined as: “freedom from activity or labor. a state of motionlessness or inactivity,” but a second definition describes “rest as peace of mind or spirit.”

With Halloween being tonight, I have seen many fake tombstones around with the letters: RIP

It communicates the idea of someone who has passed away is now able to “rest in peace” Or maybe to be able to get some rest for the lifetime of work and toil.

God Himself rested on the seventh day. Gen 2:2

God resting on the seventh day became the biblical basis for the command for us and our animals to rest. Ex 20:9-11

God set aside days and weeks of rest, and he even rested the earth itself every 7th year. Lev 25:4-5

Our lives in Heaven will include rest.

‘Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest.’ Heb 4:11 (KJV)

The scripture is not implying that we need to work hard ‘to get into Heaven.’ Rather it is encouraging us to work hard, here and now, for the Kingdom of God so that our rest will be even more enjoyable in Heaven.

How do I work hard, here and now, for the Kingdom of Heaven?

‘So whether you eat or drink *or whatever you do*, do it all for the glory of God.’ 1 Cor 10:31

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

III. We will have our own home

Whenever I travel overseas, it is always a thrill for me when we land on the East or West Coast . Because I feel that "I am home." I can now understand the language, read the signs, and have a much greater understanding of where I am and how things work.

When I land in Denver, Colorado, I feel much more at home. I know how to get through the airport, where my car is parked, And what roads to take to get to my house.

When I get close our house, I start to recognize all of the places that I frequent: Home Depot, Wendys, Chili's, the corner gas station and I feel that things are they way they should be.

But when I walk in the front door of my house, it is only then, that I truly feel that "I am Home."

‘In my Father's house are many *mansions*: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.’ John 14:2 (KJV)

‘In my Father's house are many *rooms*. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.’ John 14:2-3 (NIV)

So which is it? a mansion or a room?

- Maybe it is both—a mansion on an estate outside of the New Jerusalem and a room inside of the New Jerusalem.
- Maybe a mansion in heaven is the same as a room
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IV. We will entertain and be entertained.

Luke 16 tells us of the shrewd servant who used earthly resources so that:

‘people will welcome me into their houses.’ V.4

Jesus told his followers to:

‘use worldly wealth to gain friends.’ V. 9

Using you earthly resources to make a different in other peoples lives.

The reason?

‘So that when it (life on Earth) is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings’ v. 9

It would seem that the scripture is telling us that we will actually share lodging, meals, and fellowship with friends in God's kingdom. A home away from home, while traveling throughout the New Earth.

In addition, to your family and friends (new and old), I think you will entertain, in your home on the New Earth, or be entertained in their homes:

1. Angels

‘Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.’ Heb 13:2

If you entertained angels here on earth, doesn't it make sense that they would want to have you over to their place or dinner?

2. Jesus

When he lived on Earth, Jesus often shared a meal with his friends or at least people he was trying to reach out to:

‘While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house.’ Mt 9:10

‘While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house.’Mark 2:15

‘Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him’.

Luke 7:36

‘When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"Matthew 9:11

‘Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.’John 12:2

It would seem that Jesus rather enjoyed sharing a meal with his friends while here on Earth and I would guess that He is looking forward to sharing a meal with you, in your home, on the New Earth. In fact, Jesus even promised that He would not have a drink of wine, until we are all together on the New Earth.

‘I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom.’
Matthew 26:29

‘Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.’Rev 3:20

Can you imagine how wonderful it will be to share and intimate meal with Jesus in your Heavenly home?

Incredible as it seems, Jesus desires our company. He’s preparing us a place in Heaven. He’ll welcome us into his home. And we should expect to welcome Him into ours.