

Message Notes

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Message Outline

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I. Heaven will be a place of GOD'S PRESENCE

- A. He will dwell among us. (21:3)
- B. Our Sonship will be realized. (21:7)
- C. We, the church, will be married to Jesus, the groom. (21:9)
- D. The Glory of God shall be our light. (21:23)
- E. We shall see His face. (22:4)

(See Alcorn chapters 17 -19)

II. Heaven will be a place of JOY

- A. There will no longer be any curse. (22:3)
- B. No tears, no death, no mourning, no crying, no pain. (22:4)
- C. Our thirst will be quenched. (22:6)

(See Alcorn chapter 10)

III. Heaven will be a place of MATTER

- A. People with eyes, thirst, foreheads, voices, and feet.
- B. A city with walls, gates, and streets. (21:10-27)
- C. A garden with a river and trees. (22:1-5)

(See Alcorn chapters 23-31)

IV. Heaven will be a place of RELATIONSHIPS

- A. We will relate intimately to God and to one another. (21:7)
- B. There will be people groupings. (21:24-22:3)
- C. We will remember. (21:12-14)

(See Alcorn chapters 34-38)

V. Heaven will be a place of ACTIVITY

- A. We will build, create, and discover for God. (21:26)
- B. We will serve God. (22:3)
- C. We will reign with God. (22:5)
- D. We will eat with Jesus.

(See Alcorn chapters 41-44)

Growth Group Understanding Questions

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1. Read I Corinthians 2:9-10. Does this text say we can't imagine what God has prepared for us or does it say something else? Where has God, by his Spirit, revealed these things?
2. Read Colossians 3:1-4. What are "these things" above that we are to set our minds on? Doesn't this passage imply imagining with Scripture's help, what heaven will be like?
3. Read Revelation 21:1-22:5. It says in 22:3, "there will be no more curse." Discuss how the things mentioned in 21:4 are the results of the curse?" What else is involved in the curse? (See Genesis 3:14-19)
4. Sometimes we draw distinctions between the physical and the spiritual. How does Revelation 21 obliterate those distinctions and teach us that heaven will be a place of "matter."
5. What will we do in heaven? What does this passage teach? What do other passages teach?

Growth Group Application Questions

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1. What was the most encouraging or challenging thing about our study/sermon this week?
2. Why do we know so little and think so rarely about heaven?
3. How do we know that God loves matter?
4. What is wrong with our relationships? What is right about our relationships? What will the removal of the curse mean for our relationships?
5. Who would you like to meet in heaven?
6. Be honest! Have you envisioned heaven as a boring place or as one unending church service? What are things you would like to be able to do in heaven?
7. What was different about our taking communion this week? What was that like for you?