

# Heaven – Part Six

## What Will the New Earth Be Like?

- Restored to its original glory and free from the curse.
- It will be the “real” earth as God originally made it for us.
- Because we have lived on the old Earth, there will be things familiar to us on the New Earth.
- Isaiah 55:13 – no more thorns
- Isaiah 35:1 – the desert will blossom as the rose.
- Ezekiel 36:35 – the desolate land will be like Eden, the ruined cities inhabited.
- Isaiah 51:3 – For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

## The New Jerusalem

1. **Dimensions:** 1440 miles long, wide, and high. (A giant cube)

Revelation 21:15-16: And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. <sup>16</sup> The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia.<sup>[d]</sup> Its length and width and height are equal.

Canada to Mexico (1440 miles); Appalachian Mountains to California (1440 miles).

2. **Its Glory:** Revelation 21:10-14

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup> It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— <sup>13</sup> on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup> And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

3. **The River of Life, The Throne, The Tree of Life, The Brightness of God.**

Revelation 22:1-5

Then the angel<sup>[a]</sup> showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life<sup>[b]</sup> with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their

foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

### **Will There Be Time in Heaven?**

- Luke 15:7                      Angels rejoice when one sinner repents.
- Rev 6:10-11                  Martyrs told to “wait a little longer”.
- Ephesians 2:7                The coming age (time)
- Revelation 2:2                Monthly fruit from Tree of Life
- Isaiah 62:22-23              New Moons and Sabbaths
- Revelation 8:1                Silence in heaven for half an hour.

### **Will We Be Ourselves in Heaven?**

- Job 19:26-39    I will see God, I and not another.
- Luke 24:39      Jesus was clearly seen and recognized.
- Matthew 8:11    Jesus mentions Abraham, Issac, and Jacob – talking, eating, drinking, etc.
- We will be known, recognized and ourselves, without the curse of sin.
- We will have emotions (all good).
- We will have our intellect.
- Hebrews 12:1    There is a great cloud of witnesses in heaven now.
- Rev. 20:15; 21:27 – our names are written in the Lambs Book of Life.
- Our identity, and personal history will endure into eternity.

### **What Will Our Bodies Be Like?**

- We will have all our senses; plus, may be others and they will be enhanced.
- We will not have sickness or disease.
- Our racial identities will be carried forward (Rev. 5:9 – every nation, tribe, tongue, etc.)
- Our resurrected bodies will be like Jesus’.

### **Will We Be Male and Female?**

Randy Alcorn believes its our identity given at creation and it is what it means to be human, so we will retain the unique distinction between male and female.

### **Will We Eat and Drink in Heaven?**

- Luke 22:18      Jesus says He will not drink again of the wine until we are with Him in heaven.
- Revelation 19:9              The Wedding Feast of the Lamb.

### **Will We Hunger, Taste Food, Eat Meat, and Drink Coffee?**

- Revelation 7:16 - Never hunger or thirst again.
- Clearly food is more that sustenance, it’s also for our enjoyment.
- Meat is unclear, but there is no death in the New Earth.

- God's original design was to feed all his creation from the plants of the earth.
- I Timothy 4:4-5 – all that God has created is good and sanctified by word and prayer.
- So, coffee is included.

### **Will We Be Capable of Sinning?**

- Satan – perfect environment – sinned (Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28).
- Adam and Eve – perfect environment – sinned and the fall (Genesis 3)
- Resurrected Bodies – No more sin or death – Revelation 21:4
- Christ's Death – Hebrews 9:26-28 Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, <sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.
- 1 Peter 3:18 - For Christ also suffered<sup>[b]</sup> once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,
- 1 Corinthians 15:52 – we are raised incorruptible.
- Romans 6:7 – He who has died has been freed from sin.

### **Do We Have Free Will in Heaven?**

- Not to choose good or evil – that day is over.
- We may be given choices and options as to how we serve Christ and be with one another.

### **Will We Be Tempted in Heaven?**

- No – the tempter is forever removed, and our desires are no longer corrupted by sin.
- Every time we see the scars on Jesus' body, we are thankful for what He did.
- We will see sin as God does.