

What Will Happen in the Future? Lesson 6 – The New Heavens and The New Earth

Introduction:

- After the final judgment, believers will enter into the full enjoyment of life in the _____ of God forever.

Matt 25.34 "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Rev 22.3 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.

- The Bible tells us that we will live with God forever in an entirely renewed creation that includes new _____ and a new _____.

Isa 65.17 For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

Isa 66.22 For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain.

2 Pet 3.13 But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Rev 21.1–2 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

1. What is _____?

A. Heaven is the place where God _____.

Isa 66.1a Thus says the LORD:
"Heaven is my throne,
 and the earth is my footstool;

Matt 6.9 Pray then like this:
"Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name.

1 Pet 3.21b-22 *Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.*

B. Heaven is the place where God most fully _____ His presence.

2. Heaven is a _____, not just a state of mind.

John 14.3 *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.*

- The idea of Heaven being in a certain _____ is clearly taught in the New Testament in several different ways.

A. Scripture speaks of Heaven being somewhere _____ the earth.

Acts 1.9 *And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.*

Luke 24.51 *While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.*

Eph 4.10 *He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.*

James 1.17 *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18*

John 3.31 *He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all.*

B. When Jesus ascended, He ascended with His _____ body into Heaven, which is where His body is located right now.

Acts 1.11 *“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”*

Acts 7.55-56 *But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”*

3. The physical creation that we now live in will one day be renewed and _____, and we will continue to exist and act in it.

Rom 8.19–21 For the **creation waits with eager longing** for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the **creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption** and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

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Rev 21.1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

2 Pet 3.10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then **the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.**

A. Although some passages make it sound like the current heavens and earth will be completely destroyed and replaced, when you take other passages into consideration, it seems to indicate that they will be _____ and renewed.

Heb 1.11–12 they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment,
12 like a robe you will roll them up,
like a garment **they will be changed.**
But you are the same,
and your years will have no end.”

B. It's difficult to think that God would entirely destroy and replace His original creation, because He declared all of creation as being “very _____.”

Gen 1.31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, **it was very good.**

- God will make creation _____ again, by bringing all of creation back into harmony with the purposes for which He originally created it.

C. Just as the resurrection bodies of believers will come from their present bodies and will be made much better than their present bodies, the new heavens and earth will come from the present heavens and earth, and be _____ to what they were like in the Garden of Eden before the fall.

1 Cor 15.36–37 **What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.** 37 And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

1 Cor 15.42–43 *So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. 43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.*

- **Not only are believers waiting for better resurrection bodies, but so is the entire _____!**

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- **The current heavens and earth are going to be set free from their current corruption and made _____, just like our bodies on the day of resurrection.**

4. **Our physical resurrection bodies will be _____ of the renewed creation.**

A. **In the new heaven and the new earth, there will be _____ for our resurrection bodies.**

- **We will _____ and _____ at the marriage supper of the Lamb.**

Rev 19.9 *And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”*

Matt 26.29 *I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until **that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.**”*

Rev 22.1–2 *Then the angel showed me the river of the **water of life**, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, **the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit**, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*

- **We will play and enjoy _____ in the presence of the Lord.**

Rev 15.2–3a *And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass **with harps of God in their hands**. 3 **And they sing** the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb,*

- **We will exercise _____ over various aspects of the new creation under Christ.**

2 Tim 2.12a if we endure, **we will also reign with him;**

1 Cor 6.3a Do you not know that **we are to judge angels?**

Rev 5.10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, **and they shall reign on the earth.**”

Rev 20.4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and **reigned with Christ for a thousand years.**

- We will _____ the Lord in His temple.

Rev 7.15 “Therefore they are before the throne of God, **and serve him day and night in his temple;** and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

Rev 22.3 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.

5. In the new heavens and new earth, we will experience unceasing _____ in the presence of the Lord.

- A. Our arrival in the new creation will be like a joyful _____.

Rev 21.2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

- B. In the new creation there will be no more death or pain or _____.

Rev 21.4a He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and **death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore,** for the former things have passed away.”

- C. In the new creation, God will provide everything we need for _____.

Rev 21.6 To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life **without payment.**

- D. The new creation will be as _____ as God Himself.

Rev 21.11 **having the glory of God,** its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

E. The new creation will be free from all _____.

Rev 21.27 ***But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.***

F. The new creation will be constantly lit up by the light of God's _____.

Rev 22.5 ***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.***

G. In the new creation we will continually be in the _____ of God and enjoy unhindered fellowship with Him forever.

Rev 21.4 ***And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.***

Conclusion:

- Having such great and precious promises, we must live in such a way that demonstrates that Heaven is our greatest _____, not this world below.

Matt. 6.19-21 ***"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.***

- Our greatest joy will be in _____ and _____ with our Lord forever.

Psa 27.4 ***One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.***

- When we finally see the Lord face to face, our hearts will want _____
_____.