"Heaven: In the Presence of the King"

What's Certain About the Future • pt. 4 Revelation

INTRODUCTION

- certainty of heaven for every believer
- 1. Believers' longing for heaven

"All the things that have ever deeply possessed your soul have been but hints of [heaven]—tantalizing glimpses, promises never quite fulfilled, echoes that died away just as they caught your ear....If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world....Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing." - C.S. Lewis

2. Heaven is the presence of God

- the new Jerusalem (21:1ff)
- temple (21:22ff)
- garden (22:1ff)



3. Heaven is the restoration of all things

- a cosmological restoration (21:1) 2 Pet. 3:10; Gen. 1:31; Rom. 8:20-22
- a physical and emotional restoration (21:4)
- a moral restoration (21:8, 27)
- a spiritual restoration (21:3) 1 Jn. 3:2

4. What will we do in heaven?

- consumed with unbroken worship Rev. 7:10; 4:8-11
- consumed with untiring service Rev. 22:3; 7:15 Dan. 7:27; Rev. 2:26; Lk. 22:29-30
- unequalled learning Ps. 145:3; Col. 1:10

CONCLUSION

"Face to face with Christ my Savior,/ Face to face what will it be, / When with rapture I behold Him,/ Jesus Christ who died for me." - Carrie Breck

Emmanuel Bible Notes June 15, 2003 • Pastor Rob Martini