

## **HEAVEN IS DEFINITELY BETTER (Philippians 1:21-24)**

- I. In heaven there will be a better multitude (Revelation 7:9-10).**
- A. Think of the ones who will be in heaven (Hebrews 12:22-24).
    - 1. The Godhead will be there.
    - 2. The angels will be there.
    - 3. The saints will be there.
  - B. When you read about the multitude before the throne in the book of Revelation, they are often seen worshiping God.
    - 1. That is what eternity will be spent doing.
    - 2. Singing praises to the Ones who made it possible for us to be there.
  - C. It will be a better place because of who is not there (Revelation 21:8; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10).
    - 1. We won't have to deal with all the sin that surrounds us in this life.
    - 2. Those who follow sin and Satan will not be there to ruin heaven as earth has been ruined.
  - D. Think of all the people we have known who have gone on to their reward and then remember we will get to see them again.
  - E. As the poet said, "My knowledge of that life is small, the eye of faith is dim, but it's enough that Christ knows all, and I shall be with Him."
- II. In heaven there will be a better mansion (John 14:1-3).**
- A. There are some beautiful homes in this world.
    - 1. We have lovely homes in Carbon Hill and Jasper.
    - 2. Houses that costs of hundreds of thousands to build are all around us.
  - B. All of them pale in comparison to the home that awaits us.
  - C. We should always think as Paul did: "Our citizenship is in heaven" (Colossians 3:20).
    - 1. This world is not our home and we should never tie ourselves to it.
    - 2. We need to remind ourselves to think like the great people of faith listed in Hebrews 11 (vs. 13-16).
  - D. Long ago, Solomon said, "Man goeth to his long home" (Ecclesiastes 12:5).
    - 1. We are all going to die.
    - 2. What awaits us on the other side, how glorious or how terrible, depends on how we lived on this side.
  - E. A beautiful long home awaits those who are faithful to God.
- III. In heaven there will be a better mortality (1 Corinthians 15:53-58).**
- A. We know that everything and everyone around us is dying.
    - 1. We see it in the plants and animals around us.
    - 2. We see it in our loved ones and even in ourselves.
  - B. We all have an appointment with death unless the Lord returns first.
  - C. What is wonderful about the place to which we are going is that it will never fade.

1. Notice what Peter said of it...(1 Peter 1:4).
  2. Our mortality will put on immortality.
- D. We won't have to worry about the things that plague us in this life (Revelation 21:4).
- E. The old saying is "All good things must come to an end."
1. That is true for all the things in this life.
  2. Heaven is the exception to that saying.
- IV. In heaven there will be better music (Revelation 5:9-10).**
- A. Notice the first words of the new song: "Thou art worthy."
1. History tells us that when Roman Emperors in the days of John were greeted with the Latin phrase "vere dignus" upon their arrival to various functions.
  2. The translation of that Latin phrase is "you are worthy."
- B. We will be allowed to sing songs of praise to the only one worthy of any glory and any honor.
- C. This is something we will have the privilege of doing for all eternity
1. We will praise Him for what He did - died to redeem us.
  2. We will praise Him for what He made us - kings and priests to God.
- D. Can you imagine the glorious singing that will take place in heaven?
- V. In heaven there will be a better mentality (Colossians 3:2; Matthew 6:19-21).**
- A. We get our focused shifted in this life.
1. There are many things pulling at us.
  2. Some of them are completely harmless in and of themselves.
  3. Other things are sinful in nature and we are daily tempted with them.
- B. All of these things are competing for our attention, which causes us, at times to lose focus on what is truly important.
- C. It ought to be our complete desire to aim ourselves towards heaven and not allow anything to get in the way, just as a compass always orients itself towards the north.
1. We should be saying "Yes, Lord" then "no" to the world.
  2. We should be saying "yes" to scriptural demands and "no" to fleshly lusts.
  3. As one old hymn says, "The world behind me, the cross before me."
- D. When we get to heaven, all these earthly things won't be competing for our attention.
1. We will always have the better mentality.
  2. We will be able to think of nothing better than praising God.

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