



“Behold, I Make All Things New”

Rev. 21:1-7

“Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.’ 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away. 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, **‘Behold, I make all things new.’** And He said to me, ‘Write, for these words are true and faithful.’ 6 And He said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.’”

Two Ways In Which God Makes Us New:

- The partly fulfilled condition in this world:
 - 2Cor. 5:17 - “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”
- The fully unveiled condition in heaven:
 - 1John 3:2 - “...It has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him...”
- What of all other things? What will their fully unveiled, completely revealed condition be?

We Will Have Perfect Knowledge

- We will understand everything we now question. We won't struggle to understand and believe. We'll be at peace with the truth.
 - Job 36:26 - "Behold, God is great, and we do not know Him; Nor can the number of His years be discovered."
 - 1Cor. 2:7-9 - "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, 8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written: 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.'"

We Will Experience Perfect Glory

- Perfect beauty, excellence, and greatness.
 - Matt. 25:31 - “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.”
 - 1Peter 4:13 - “But rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.”
 - Rev. 21:23 - “The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.”

We Will Enjoy Perfect Rest

- Heb. 4:9-11 - “There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. 11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.”

We Will Participate In Perfect Worship

- In Heaven, the presence of God will provoke a response of worship without effort on our part.
 - Isa. 6:1-4 - “In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!’ 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.”

We Will Delight In Perfect Activity

- Matt. 19:28 - “So Jesus said to them, ‘Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.’”
- Rev. 22:3 - “And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.”

We Will Share In Perfect Fellowship

- Heb. 12:22-24 - “But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.”

We Will Receive Perfect Recognition

- Luke 19:15-19 - “And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned ten minas.’ 17 And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.’ 18 And the second came, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned five minas.’ 19 Likewise he said to him, ‘You also be over five cities.’”

We Will Receive Perfect Recognition

- Dan. 12:3 - “Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.”
- 1Cor. 3:11-15 - “Each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”

Things Missing In Heaven

- Faith

- It is the means by which we are saved. It is the means by which we apprehend the invisible.
- In heaven, we won't need salvation, and we will see the unseen in person.
- Heb. 11:1, 6 - "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen... But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

Things Missing In Heaven

- Growth
 - We will already know all there is to know; there will be no need to grow. Our need to mature as children of God will be fully realized in Heaven.

Things Missing In Heaven

- Comfort

- We won't find ourselves needing to lean on each other in Heaven. In fact, we won't find ourselves crying at all. We won't need comfort in difficult times because there won't be any difficult times.
- Rev. 21:4 - "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Things Missing In Heaven

- Teaching
 - We won't be seeking the lost in Heaven.
 - Heb. 9:27-28 - "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation."

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While we are here on earth, the needs God has built into us should be our priority. We need to take our eyes off the things we will be given in Heaven, our desire for, glory, rest, distraction, significance, approval and recognition, and do the things He assigned us here that we won't be able to do later. This is the time for us to trust in our faith, grow in our knowledge of God, comfort those in need, and reach those who are lost. We can't do that later. So let's simply be patient and look forward to what we can't have now and get at the business of what we can't do later.