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BIBLICAL PICTURE OF THE FATHER'S HOUSE

John 14:1-4; Revelation 21:9-27

Heaven is the Father's house with many mansions for His children. Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people. It is the eternal dwelling place for the saints of all ages (Isaiah 64:4; John 4:1-3). It is the final destiny of the righteous. We (believers) are already citizens of the heavenly country as we are only ambassadors of Christ on earth (Philippians 3:20,21; 2 Corinthians 5:20). The Bible Christian is a pilgrim and stranger on earth (Hebrews 11:13); heaven is his home. His Father is there, his Saviour is there, his inheritance is there, his treasure is there, his heart is there, his affections are there, and his citizenship is there. Heaven is a better country than anywhere on earth. Heaven in the present is a place of bliss in God's presence where believers go when they die (Luke 23:43; 2 Corinthians 5:8). Heaven in the future refers to the new heaven and the new earth (Revelation 21:1-3) which is eternal. Heaven is a place of indescribable beauty.

THE BIBLE DESCRIPTION OF HEAVEN Revelation 21:2,9,10; Hebrews 11:10-16; 12:22-23; 13:14

Heaven is a holy and eternal city called the "New Jerusalem." This is the capital of the eternal state. It is the eternal residence of the Bride of Christ and all the saints of the ages. The maker of this eternal city is God Himself (Hebrews 11:10; Revelation 21:2). The innumerable occupants of heaven, in addition to the Triune God, include innumerable company of angels (Hebrews 12:22), and multitudes of the redeemed of the Lord (Revelation 7:9). Heaven is full of the brilliant glory of God (Revelation 21:23). Everything in heaven is transparent – "clear as crystal", "like unto clear glass", for the glory of the Lord will lighten the city. The foundations of the wall of the city are garnished with all manner of precious stones (coloured gems) such as jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald, sardonyx, etc. (Revelation 21:19,20). The heavenly city has a perfect design and symmetry. The New Jerusalem will be a cube, measuring 12,000 furlongs (approximately 1500 mile) in length, breadth, and height. Just taking the length and breadth measurements, the eternal city is about 2,250,000 square miles on one layer of the mansions, and there will be several layers (Revelation 21:12-17). This implies that there will be millions of intersecting layers of avenues/streets. The New Jerusalem will readily accommodate billions of people: it is big enough for ALL who find the narrow way (John 14:2). Heaven is a holy city and it will be impossible to desecrate it (Revelation 21:27), for no sinner will enter there.

MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT HEAVEN Revelation 21:1-3,27; Luke 16:19-31; Hebrews 9:27

Though the Bible is filled with references to heaven, it is still subject of a wide range of speculation and errors. Heaven is not a state of mind or a fantasy; it is a place. Heaven is not a myth but an eternal abode of the saints. There is also the misconception that heaven is a disembodied, spiritual realm of clouds and harps. This is not correct; heaven is a physical reality—a new heaven and new earth (Revelation 21:1) where people will have bodies, much like Jesus after His resurrection, and engage in active, joyful service. Another misconception is that people in hell will have a second chance in heaven by passing through an intermediate state of suffering called purgatory. This is a Catholic church teaching which is not scriptural (Luke 16:23,24). There is also a misleading concept of one path to heaven, that is all who die will go to heaven. The Scripture is clear about the necessity of salvation and holiness to get to heaven, for there is no place for sinners in heaven (Revelation 21:27). Also, the teaching of annihilation that sinners will be burnt in hell is not scriptural. The Bible is clear on the future punishment of the wicked to be eternal in hell (Luke 16:23,24; Matthew 25:41).

PROVISION AND JOY IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE John 14:1-3; Revelation 21:1-4

There is abundant provision in Father's house for life in heaven. Life in heaven will be characterized by the followings: (i) A life of perpetual fellowship with God (1Cor 13:12; 1John 3:2; Rev 22:4). (ii) A life of eternal rest (Rev 14:13). (iii) A life of perfect knowledge (1Cor 13:12). (iv) A life of holiness (Rev 21:27). (v) A life of overflowing joy (Rev 21:4). There is no sorrow in heaven. (vi) A life of everlasting service (Rev 22:3). (vii) A life of blessedness, as there is no curse there (Revelation 22:3). (viii) A life of abundance (Rev 21:8). (ix) A life of glory (2Cor 4:17; Col 3:4; John 17:24). (x) A life of perpetual worship (Rev 19:1; 7:9-12; 5:12). (xi) A life of health and vitality, for there is no sickness in heaven (Revelation 21:4). (xii) A life of perfection (1Corinthians 13:10; 1John 3:2). Heaven is a place of grand reunion of all departed saints (1Thessalonians 4:17-18).

To get to heaven, you must be born again and walk in holiness till death or the rapture (Hebrews 12:14). No one will get to heaven by wishful thinking, by accident, or through religious observances without righteousness. Heaven will be inherited by every man who has heaven in his soul. No man can get to heaven through good works or by merit – it is only through the grace of God. You must be prepared in holy living to live in that prepared city.