

Heaven Matters Because We Live Happily Ever After!

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Revelation 21:1-7

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1 Corinthians 2:9, *But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him.”*

Philippians 3:20, *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

We Live Happily Ever After Because:

1. There Will Be A New Heaven And A NEW EARTH!

Revelation 21:1, *Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. (Isaiah 24:5)*

2. God Will Live WITH US!

Revelation 21:3, *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.*

- **We Will See, Fellowship, Worship And Serve God Eternally!**
(Revelation 7:15; Matthew 5:8)

3. There Will Be NO MORE!

Revelation 21:4, *‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. ⁵He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then He said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”*

- **No More Tears, Dying Or Pain!**

(1 Corinthians 15:54; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

4. Because It Is Our ULTIMATE PRIZE!

Revelation 21:1, *He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be My children.”*

Cottonwood Challenge - Our Future Home Reminds Us To:

➤ **Live Above My Temporary Difficulties!**

2 Corinthians 4:17, *For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.*

➤ **Navigate My Personal Potholes!**

Hebrews 12:1, *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

➤ **Focus My Earthly Resources!**

Matthew 6:19, *“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

➤ **Serve My Church Vigorously!**

1 Corinthians 15:58, *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*