

The Day When all Things are Made New (Message #46)

Revelation 21: 1-8

Tonight we have come to what is literally the “home stretch” of Revelation. Our studies over the past year and a half have dealt with much that is hard to imagine and heartbreaking to hear. The judgment of God will be an awful experience for the unsaved, ending in their being cast into the lake of fire for all eternity.

As difficult as much of Revelation has been, it is comforting to know that judgment is not all that is left to be revealed. For the saved there is the promise of a glorious homeland being prepared right now. Our lives are measured by time and deterioration. Everything that we know is judged by time and is limited in its existence. There is nothing known to man that doesn't wear out and decay. Things that were once new are now in need of repair. Bodies that were once healthy and vibrant have grown old and suffer the effects of aging. The world that we know is ever changing and getting older. There is coming a day when the Lord will make all things new. What a day that will be: [The Day When all Things are Made New](#).

I. The Promise of a New Creation (1) – Often we get settled in our lives here on earth, but there is no use in getting to comfortable with the world as it is. The day will come when all of creation will change. Notice:

A. The Destruction of a Marred Creation – God has promised that the world as we know it will not stand forever. There is coming a day when heaven and earth shall pass away. The world and its atmosphere will be destroyed by the sovereign hand that created it.

- Keep in mind that the world we now live in is marred by the curse of sin. Things are not as God originally created them. There was a time, before the fall of man, that this world was perfect, one without sin. God walked with Adam in the Garden in the cool of the day. The world did not groan in agony under the curse of sin.
- You will have to admit that the world today leaves much to be desired. We live in a day of locked doors, loaded guns, terrorist attacks, drug addiction, immorality, war, famine, and a world ravaged by man's desire for more. The day will come when God will destroy the creation that has been tainted by sin. No longer will the prince of the power of the air have dominion on the earth. Turn with me to [2 Peter 3: 7, 10-13](#). Now let's consider:

B. The Revelation of a Majestic Creation – When the former things are passed away, God will reveal His new creation. This will be as it was prior to the invasion of sin. It will be a perfect world, one where sin will not mar its beauty. It will be a perfect world inhabited by perfect

people. Isaiah prophesied of such an earth. [Is.65:17 – For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.](#) The beauty and serenity of the new earth will be so wonderful that we shall not even remember the beauties of this earth.

- I have been blessed to view some of God's wonderful creation: from the clear, blue skies above the Rocky Mountains, to the vastness of the Grand Canyon, to the awesome power of Niagara Falls, to the beauty of home, and yet none of these wonderful sights will even compare to the beauty that we shall enjoy as God creates a new world full of His righteousness and glory.
- John makes an interesting statement; [and there was no more sea.](#) I believe that John rejoiced in the removal of separation. He was on the Isle of Patmos when he penned these words, secluded and removed from those he loved. In God's new creation we will never be lonely or despaired again.

I. The Promise of a New Creation (1)

II. The Presentation of a New City (2) – A new creation is wonderful and beyond comprehension, but John goes on to speak of a new city, the New Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven. This will be the place where the saved by grace will spend the endless ages. We will look at this in detail later, but there are a couple of important aspects that are worthy of mentioning this evening. We find that the New Jerusalem will be:

A. A City of Perfection – It is a [holy city](#). It is a city built by God's own hand. This city will be unlike any we've ever seen or known.

- It is well known throughout history that cultures were formed in the major metropolitan areas. It is in the major cities that men indulge in their pleasures and draw vast numbers to join them. Our major cities are known and publicly marketed for their ability to provide pleasure. Consider places like the Big Easy, Sin City, and the Big Apple. Each of these pride themselves is who they are and what they have become. The cities are a reflection of their inhabitants and the lives they live.
- God's holy city will not be known for sinful indulgence, but holy righteousness. It will be a city where no one will be embarrassed by what they see or fear what they might encounter. God's holy city will be a city of perfection. But also it will be:

B. A City of Preparation – The city will be [prepared as a bride adorned for her husband](#). This will be no average city. It hasn't been hastily constructed.

- Take a moment to consider what we are promised. A city prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I have never seen an ugly bride. On that special day she does all she can to ensure that everything has been taken care of. Her hair and make-up has been carefully done. She comes down the aisle in a dress, pure and white. She is the most beautiful thing that her husband has ever seen. (Men do you remember that day?)

- Jesus is preparing a city of splendor for His bride. I can assure you that it will be far more than a shack on the hillside of glory. **Jn.14:1-3 – Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.** One day we'll fold this tent of flesh and move in to the glorious city!

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II. The Presentation of a New City (2)

III. The Peace of a New Climate (3-8) – Much of heaven is a mystery to us. We can only imagine what our eyes shall behold. I'm sure we can't fully embrace the wonder of the New Jerusalem, but I want to share a few thoughts concerning the climate or the environment in which we'll live.

A. A Glorious Presence (3) – Do you realize what that verse reveals? We will be in the manifest presence of our Lord! No longer will we wonder about His countenance, no more will we long to look upon His face or wish we could stand before Him. We will be in the presence of the Lord.

- The OT Tabernacle was the place where God dwelt behind the veil. It was there that the high priest went in before the Lord. In heaven the tabernacle of God will dwell among men. We will live in the presence of God! No longer will we be separated from the One who died for our sin. I can't begin to imagine to glory that we shall behold.

- Do you remember reading Moses' desire to see God and the warning that God gave? **Ex.33:20 – And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.** God honored his request and placed Moses in the cleft of a rock, covering him with His mighty hand and allowed him to see His back parts. After this encounter with God, Moses' face shown so that he had to wear a veil so that the people could look upon him.

- Listen, we won't be hid in a rock, covered by His hand, settling for a glimpse of the backside of God; we will stand in His presence and rejoice! I have wondered about that day and how wonderful it will be.

- Do you remember how it felt the moment that you were saved, the very moment that you encountered the presence of God for the first time? I would guess if we multiplied that wonderful encounter millions of times, we would still not even be close to the wonder and joy that the presence of God will bring to us. What a day that will be, when my Jesus I shall see, and I look upon His face, the One who saved me by His grace!

B. A Gracious Absence (4) – The presence of God will be a glorious experience, but the absence of things will also be a blessing. This verse reveals some things that will be absent.

1) Sorrow- [God will wipe away all our tears](#). They will be erased, blotted out for all eternity. The sadness of grief and pain will not be present in heaven.

2) Separation- [No more death](#). No longer will we experience the pain and loss of the chilly hand of death. There will be no funeral homes, undertakers, or cemeteries to mar heaven's splendor. Not one of the redeemed will be missing. [1 Cor.15:54 – So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.](#)

3) Suffering- [No sorrow, crying, or pain](#). No more suffering disease or hurt. The trials that we bear will no longer burden our lives. No more disappointment or despair, just perfect peace and rest.

4) Seduction- [The former things are passed away](#). The temptations of sin and the influence of Satan will be gone. All that brought heartache in this life will never come again to the child of God. I rejoice for those things that will be absent in heaven!

C. A Guaranteed Inheritance (5-7) – Jesus proclaims that all things have become new. God's plan for the redeemed has been fulfilled; It is done!

- Those who have trusted in the Lord through faith, drinking of the living water shall never thirst again. The glories of heaven will be our inheritance. The Lord will reward those who have believed on Him with the abundance that heaven affords. Every need will be supplied, every desire fulfilled.

- Our inheritance will exceed our fondest dreams. We are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ. The joy in this is all can experience this abundant inheritance if they will only come to Christ in salvation. He purchased our redemption and He has secured our eternity. [Rom.10:13 – For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved](#). Those who had little more in life than their faith will receive the bounty of God.

D. A Guarded Existence (8) – There isn't a one of us here who hasn't been affected by the devastation of sin. Our world is filled with wickedness and the trouble that it brings.

- Those things that have marred the lives of men will not be welcome in heaven. There will never be a day that Satan shows up to tempt us. There will be nothing that can defile the heavenly city of God. We will live in a “gated community” unlike we’ve ever imagined. We are headed for a place that sin and Satan won’t be welcome and they will not bring about any more suffering or pain.
- We may have to endure the difficulties associated with a sinful world in this life, but those difficulties will not follow us home. We will live as God intended man to live, free from sin and condemnation. It will be one eternal day of complete righteousness with our Lord.

What a day that will be when all things are made new. It is a day that I look forward to with great anticipation, realizing that that day may come much sooner than we think. The saved have something wonderful to look forward to and rejoice about, but those who have never trusted Christ will not be found in heaven. It is a prepared place for prepared people.

Have you made your reservation to go? Have you made the necessary preparations? Jesus is the only way to make it in. If you desire to go to heaven you must come through the shed blood of Christ.

I have heard it said, if you miss heaven, you’ve missed it all. Well in a sense that is true. You will miss what God has prepared for His people, but you won’t miss it all. Hell is also prepared for those who reject the saving grace of Christ. Which will it be for you, a heavenly home or a horrific hell? If you are not saved, why not come and get ready to go!