

Just Wait'll You See My Brand New Home (Message # 47)

Revelation 21: 9-27

I remember the excitement and anticipation as we worked on building our new house. Tanya and I had worked hard and dreamed of the day it would be complete so that we could move in. That was an exciting time in our lives, but it could never compare to the excitement we shall feel as we move into our brand new heavenly home.

These verses have given us details about the New Jerusalem, the home of the redeemed. It is the homeland that we often dream of, but praise God one day our faith will end in sight and heaven will be an eternal reality. Billy Sunday said, "*If we could get an appreciation for what heaven is, we would all be so homesick for heaven the devil wouldn't have a friend left on earth.*"

I am the first to admit that the glories of heaven are beyond our ability to comprehend, but these verses describe our eternal home; this is what heaven will be! I remember a song from my childhood that said: [Just Wait'll You See My Brand New Home](#). That is the thought I would like to preach on this evening. I trust, if you are saved, you will rejoice as we consider the details of our heavenly home.

I. A Glorious City (9-11) – John is carried away to a great and high mountain to get a revealing look at this glorious city. It is beyond our wildest dreams and exceeds anything we could ever imagine. Notice:

A. The Gathering of the City (9) – The judgment of God is over and eternity has begun. One of the angels which had the 7 vials of wrath has been chosen to present the New Jerusalem to John.

- The angel first shows John the [bride, the Lamb's wife](#). As I considered these words, I realized that John was looking at us, the saved by grace, the bride of Christ. He was given a snapshot of the future and we were in it! We will be there in heaven as the bride of the Lamb.
- Rejoice child of God because we will spend the endless ages with the One who purchased our redemption. All of the saved will be present in that city and none will ever leave!

B. The Grace of the City (10) – The glorious city will descend from God out of heaven. All that we shall behold and enjoy is the handiwork of Almighty God. He has prepared a place for Christ to be crowned King and the saved to worship and live in His glorious presence.

- I thought of the plight of God's people down through the ages of time. God called Abraham out to follow Him with the promise of a great and mighty nation. The people of God suffered in bondage for hundreds of years before they entered into the Promised Land. After years of rebellion they were once again taken captive and only a remnant returned to Jerusalem. In the years prior to Christ there was much persecution. At His birth, Israel was occupied by the Romans. They were scattered and faced much persecution until 1948, and yet they remain in a volatile situation.
- The church has dealt with persecution since its birth. The people of God have been hated throughout history, but one glorious day we will enter the New Jerusalem where heartache and trouble will no longer abide!
- God has done great things for us and only heaven will reveal what He has prepared! No longer will God's people be scattered around the world, but we will be gathered together in His presence. Isn't the grace of God wonderful?

C. The Glory of the City (11) – The New Jerusalem will resound with the glory of God. The Shekinah glory will shine in that heavenly city. We may have experienced a small touch of His glory, but nothing like this.

- The New Jerusalem will have the brilliance of a shining diamond. Every aspect of the city will reflect the marvelous glory of God. We will no longer be hindered from experiencing the glory of God; we shall see it for one eternal day. There will be no veil to hide God's magnificent glory; it will be on full display for all to see.
- Can you imagine the joy and desire for worship that will put within us? We will behold the glory of God! Man has never created or imagined anything that will rival the glory of God's holy city.

I. A Glorious City (9-11)

II. A Grand City (12-21) – The magnitude of heaven is beyond comprehension. It will be the most magnificent city ever built. Notice:

A. The Exterior of the City (12-14) – The New Jerusalem will be surrounded by a **wall great and high**. There are **twelve gates** in the walls, each attended by an angel. Upon these gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of Israel, celebrating God's covenant with His people.

- There are **three gates on each side**, north, east, south, and west. This brings to mind the order God gave to Israel as they assembled at the Tabernacle, three tribes on each side.

- There are also **twelve foundations** upon which the city sits, having the names of the apostles inscribed therein. These remind us of the New Testament believers, those who make up the church. In His construction God testifies to the whole of His people. The New Testament saints are remembered in the foundations and above them on each gate are remembered the Old Testament saints. I rejoice that all who have trusted in the Lord will be found in heaven. God has made a place for every one!

B. The Expanse of the City (15-17) – The New Jerusalem will be unlike any city ever built. It is a city so large that only God could construct it. **The angel takes a golden reed to measure the expanse of this grand city.** It is a city that lays four square. It is built in a perfect cube shape; the length, breadth, and height of it are equal, with each one measuring **twelve thousand furlongs**, or approximately 1,400 miles square. What a city the Lord has prepared for the saved by grace!

- Can you imagine such a city? To give you an idea of its vastness, if you were to begin at the Atlantic Ocean, it would reach all the way to Denver, Colorado. On the other side, it would reach from the Canadian border, all the way to Miami, Florida. The walls of the city measure **144 cubits** or 216 feet. I'm not sure if that reveals their height or depth, but either way they are enormous walls.
- Just wait'll you see my brand new home. It will be large enough for all of God's people to enjoy its splendor. There will be no slums or shanty towns. It will all be one glorious, grand city. The saved are going to occupy it!

C. The Elegance of the City (18-21) – The walls of this grand city will all be one shining jasper or diamond, and the city will be constructed of pure gold like clear glass. Can you imagine a 1,400 square mile city made of diamond and gold? The foundations of heaven will add to its beauty. Each of them is **garnished with all manner of precious stones.** 1) **Jasper**-diamond; 2) **Sapphire**-clear blue; 3) **Chalcedony**-yellowish green; 4) **Emerald**- deep green; 5) **Sardonyx**-white with layers of red; 6) **Sardius**-fiery red; 7) **Chrysolyte**-golden yellow; 8) **Beryl**- sea green; 9) **Topaz**- greenish yellow; 10) **Chrysoprasus**- golden green; 11) **Jacinth**-violet; 12) **Amethyst**- purple. Each of these no doubt reflects the holy character of God.

- We also find that the twelve gates are made of pearl (Illus. how the oyster makes a pearl). John Phillips said, *“How appropriate! All other precious gems are metals or stones, but a pearl is a gem formed within the oyster—the only one formed by living flesh. The humble oyster receives an irritation or a wound, and around the offending article that has penetrated and hurt it, the oyster builds a pearl. The pearl, we might say, is the answer of the oyster to that which injured it. The glory land is God's answer, in Christ, to wicked men who crucified heaven's beloved and put Him to open shame. How like God it is to make the gates of the new Jerusalem of pearl. The saints as they come and go will be forever reminded, as they pass the gates of glory, that access to God's home is only because of Calvary. Think of the size of those gates! Think of the supernatural pearls from which they are made! What gigantic suffering is symbolized by those gates of pearl! Throughout the endless ages we shall be*

reminded by those pearly gates of the immensity of the sufferings of Christ. Those pearls, hung eternally at the access routes to glory, will remind us forever of One who hung upon a tree and whose answer to those who injured Him was to invite them to share His home.”

- Also we find that the [street of the city is pure, transparent glass](#). Imagine a city of such beauty and the glory of God reflecting off of every aspect of it!

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III. A Glowing City (22-27) – In these last verses we find what will make heaven more beautiful than its grand design. It is there that Jesus will be the light and we will be in His glorious presence. Because of Him there are some things that will not be there. Notice there will be:

A. No Temple (22) – There will be no need for a Temple in heaven. God won't dwell upon a mercy seat behind the veil. He will dwell in our presence. We'll never be separated from the glory and presence of Christ.

- Now we are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, but we are separated in this body of flesh. The Lord Jesus Christ serves as our intercessor and mediator, but in heaven we will be able to literally approach the throne of God in a new glorified body. We won't need to go anywhere other than where we are to worship the Lord. There won't be temples or church buildings on every corner in heaven. We will sing and shout His praises in the midst of the New Jerusalem.

B. No Twilight (23-24) – Can you imagine such a place, a place where the glory of the Lord Himself shines so brightly that there will be no need for the sun, moon, or stars? Their light would pale in comparison the glory of the Lamb of God. There will never be any darkness in heaven. There will never be a clouded day where the Son's light doesn't shine.

- The sinfulness that men seek in darkness will not be present in heaven. We will enjoy one eternal day where twilight never comes. The people of God will walk in the light of Jesus our Lord. All who enter that city will offer glory and honor to the King of kings and Lord of lords.

C. No Turmoil (25-27) – The gates of the city will never close for there is no night. There won't be any reason to fear attack or invasion of the enemy. God has eternally dealt with Satan and the forces of evil. Heaven will be a place of perfect peace without the attacks of the adversary.

- Nothing will enter that heavenly city that would bring trouble or pain. The only folks who will be there are those whose names are recorded in the Lamb's book of life. Imagine a city like God is preparing. Sin and Satan have brought devastation to the lives of men since Adam sinned in the garden, but one glorious day that will be no more. Only those things that please God will be allowed in the heavenly city and nothing will exist that isn't pleasing to Him.
- I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to that day when I get to enter my brand new home. It will never wear out or decay and we will never tire of enjoying its beauty and splendor. We will dwell with God and those who belong to Him!

I know that this has been a feeble effort in trying to describe what the saved by grace have in store. I can't express it or understand it like I would like to, but I know that I'm going there. No doubt it will exceed any of our expectations.

What about you? Are you sure that you'll be found in the New Jerusalem? Is your name listed in the Lamb's book of life, among those who will be welcomed in? If not it can be. You can come tonight and seek the Lord in salvation. He is the only way that you can gain entrance into the heavenly city. If you are not saved or are unsure why not come and get it settled so that you can look forward to heaven with great anticipation?