

Heaven: Our New Life

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Introduction

I Overall Conditions On The New Earth

- A. Pre-flood **climate**
 - 1. There will be a global temperate climate - Gen 2:25; 8:22
- B. Pre-flood hydrology
 - 1. There will no longer be any **sea** - Rev 21:1; Ezek 47:8
 - 2. There will be no more natural disasters - Is 60:18
- C. Pre-fall **productivity** - Gen 3:17-19; Rev 22:3
- D. Pre-fall animal life
 - 1. The animals will be **abundant** - Gen 1
 - 2. The animals will be vegetarians - Is 65:25a
 - 3. The animals will be **tame** - Is 65:25b
 - 4. The animals may be conversant - Gen 3:1; Num 22:28-30

II Biological Conditions On The New Earth

- A. We will have **glorified** bodies - Phil 3:20-21; 1 Jn 3:2
 - 1. Our bodies will be physical - Lk 24:37-39
 - 2. Our bodies will be **recognizable** - Jn 20:16; 21:7; Lk 24:31
 - 3. Our bodies will be made whole - Is 35:5-6; 1Cor 15:42ff
- B. We will maintain our **identity** - Lk 24:37-39; Job 19:25-27
- C. We will have memories of life on earth - Lk 16:25-28
- D. We will have new **capabilities** - Lk 24:31; Jn 20:19; Acts 8:39ff

III Sociological Conditions On The New Earth

- A. Our relationships with the **saints** - Mt 8:11
 - 1. Corporate worship - Rev 5:13; 7:9-12; 15:2-4; 19:1-7
 - 2. Fellowship and eating - Mt 8:11
 - 3. Work on the New Earth (next session)
- B. Our relationship with our friends and **family**
 - 1. We will experience a glorious reunion - 1 Thess 4:13-18
 - 2. We will be reunited with infant children - Jer 31:15-17
- C. Our relationship with our **spouse** - Lk 20:34-35; Ps 45:10-11
- D. Our relationship with the angels - Heb 1:14; 1 Cor 6:3
- E. Our relationship with **God**

- 1. We will **see** God - Job 19:26-27; 1 Jn 3:2; Rev 22:4
- 2. We will dwell with God - Lev 26:11; Ezek 37:27; Rev 21:3
- 3. We will be **married** to Jesus Christ - Isa 54:5; 2 Cor 11:2

IV Spiritual Conditions On The New Earth

- A. Our pre-fall **life**
 - 1. Pre-fall conscience - Gen 2:25
 - 2. Pre-fall **fellowship** with God - Gen 3:8
 - 3. Pre-fall unity and peace with each other - Gen 2:23
 - 4. Pre-fall freedom from sin's **consequences** - Rev 21:1-22:5
 - 5. Pre-fall **joy** and contentment - Is 51:11; Ps 16:11
- B. Our pre-fall **righteousness** - 2 Pt 3:13
- C. Our pre-fall home - Mark 10:29-30
- D. Our pre-fall **dominion** - Genesis 1:26 ff; Rev 5:9-10

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Take some time this week to consider the following:

- 1. Have you been imagining Heaven on Earth? What impact has it had on you? Your walk with God? Your priorities in life?
- 2. Why do you think people have such a difficult time imagining a renovated, redeemed and restored earth with trees, animals, mountains and streams? Is it difficult for you? Why/why not?
- 3. Of the changes that God intends to bring to your resurrected body, which excites you the most? In light of these coming changes, what should your attitude be toward your physical body now [Hint: Read 2 Cor 4:16-28 and 1 Timothy 4:8]
- 4. As you consider the glorious reunion in Heaven with friends, family and loved ones, who are you most looking forward to seeing? What will be the priority of your conversation?
- 5. Pray through Revelation 21-22 (read a few verses at a time and then pray them back to God), allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to you and move you to a deeper love for God. Take time to thank and worship God for including you in His glorious plan.

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