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## Heaven

### 06-What we will do in Heaven?

#### What we will not do in Heaven?

We will not sin.

So, there is no need for us confess or struggle with the sin.

No need to apologise to anyone.

No feeling of guilt.

No need to worry about what you said or did.

No need to correct anyone.

No need to repair anything.

No need to help anyone.

No worry about Satan.

No need to deal with sinners.

No need to defend yourself.

No harm or attack from anyone.

No lonely feeling.

No depression.

No sickness.

No decease.

No grieving.

We will never make a mistake. We won't ever have to plan for emergencies or avoid danger because we won't encounter either.

## **What we will do in Heaven?**

The essence of heaven is experiencing unmixed and unending joy, having a perfect body and soul, and dwelling with the Lamb and the Father in intimate fellowship forever.

Although the Bible doesn't specify what our individual responsibilities will be, it does provide a general description of our roles.

### **1. Worship**

Heaven will be a place of eternal, loving, adoring worship throughout eternity.

Without interruption we will continually praise God.

Our worship won't be related to a place because all heaven will be a temple. God's purpose in salvation, as clearly delineated in Scripture, was to create an eternal group of worshipers.

**John 4:23-24**, *But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the*

*Father is seeking such to worship Him. <sup>24</sup> God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”*

**Philippians 3:3**, *For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,*

In heaven we will have a fuller knowledge of who God is and what He has done than we have now. That deep knowledge of His attributes, deeds, and presence will burst forth in unending praise.

Our heavenly praise is that it will be perfect.

There are many times when with all your heart you want to praise God, but other thoughts crowd in and clutter your mind.

Have you ever been praising God and had some evil or trivial thought enter your mind or some nonsensical notion interrupt your praise?

How discouraging to realize how earthbound we really are!

In heaven our praise will always come out of pure hearts with pure motives and no distractions.

A quick survey of the book of Revelation will help us to grasp the importance of praise in heaven.

**Revelation 14:6-7**, *Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—<sup>7</sup> saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”*

The angel is proclaiming the eternal gospel, the everlasting good news. It is basically a call to reverence, glorify, and worship God.

That is what God calls all men to do: The gospel is a mandate to praise God.

**Revelation 4:10-11**, *the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: <sup>11</sup> “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”*

**Revelation 5:8-14**, *Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, <sup>10</sup> And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign*

on the earth.” <sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!” <sup>13</sup> And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: “Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!” <sup>14</sup> Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

**Revelation 7:9-12**, After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup> All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”

**Revelation 11:15-17**, Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this

*world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”<sup>16</sup> And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God,<sup>17</sup> saying: “We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.*

**Revelation 15:1-4,** *Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.<sup>2</sup> And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.<sup>3</sup> They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: “Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!<sup>4</sup> Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested.”*

**Revelation 19:1-7,** *After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, “Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!<sup>2</sup> For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her.”<sup>3</sup> Again they said, “Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!”<sup>4</sup> And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures*

*fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!"<sup>5</sup> Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both<sup>[c]</sup> small and great!"<sup>6</sup> And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!<sup>7</sup> Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.*

In heaven we will be preoccupied with praise!

That's a strong reason for being preoccupied with it now.

Perfect praise will be the highest, noblest expression of our perfected being. We will recognize the splendour of God.

We will see clearly His majesty. We will see His glory and perfection. Gazing on God's perfections eternally will compel us to offer uninterrupted, unrestrained, adoring, loving worship-- it will be our delight!

We will adore God forever with all our creative energies-- through our thoughts, words, and song.

We will express ourselves in praise through collective means and through very intimate and personal means.

We will praise God every way that's possible for perfect bodies and souls.

## 2. Reign

### A delegated reign

In this life every Christian has been given certain responsibilities within the church.

Each one of us has received a spiritual gift from God that is to be used for the common good (**1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12; Ephesians 4**).

God will operate His Kingdom in heaven much the same way He operated His Kingdom here.

Delegating its operation to His people.

There will forever be a sphere of responsibility and authority.

### A perfect reign

In heaven we will never fail to meet our responsibilities.

Peter was continually given responsibilities and continually failed. He finally wanted to leave the ministry, partly because he couldn't stand his own failure. He was told to wait for the resurrected Christ in Galilee, but he decided to go fishing instead.

Peter was returning to his old trade, tired of being unable to accomplish what the Lord had delegated to him. Happily, things soon turned around for him. But in heaven, we will never have to face failure.

We all have our own self-imposed failures and the feeling that we are not living up to the standard what the Lord had set for us.

When we are in heaven we will do everything the Lord gives us to do perfectly!

### **A promised reign**

**1 Peter 1:3-4**, *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,<sup>4</sup> to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,*

We have an inheritance in heaven right now.

- It's reserved for us.
- It will never fade away.
- It's imperishable.
- It's ours!

An inheritance is something you receive from someone else.

In the Jewish context it's a sphere of responsibility or rule that a father bequeaths to his children.

Our inheritance includes eternal life, heaven, holiness, joy, peace, and the presence of God.

We are fellow heirs of Christ!

**Romans 8:17**, *and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

Christ wasn't an heir to eternal life because He already had eternal life.

Jesus already had

- joy,
- peace, and
- holiness.

The essence of Christ's inheritance is that He is heir to this world--a sphere of rule.

**Psalm 2:8**, *Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.*

Christ's inheritance is a sphere of authority over nations, demons, and the holy angels.

So, the phrase "fellow heirs with Christ" emphasizes that we share Christ's rule over the earth.

**Revelation 5:1-3**, *And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.*

That book is the title deed to the earth.

When someone wrote a will in New Testament times, often he would roll it up seven times, putting a seal after each turn. To read the will you had to break all seven seals.

**Revelation 5:4-5**, *So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. <sup>5</sup> But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."*

Christ alone has the right to break all seven seals.

The unfolding judgments that follow picture Christ's progressive unfolding of the title deed to the earth. We will reign with Christ over the earth. I don't know what each of our specific duties will be, but we will have authority.

**Revelation 22:5**, *There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.*

**1 Corinthians 6:3**, *Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?*

We will have authority and responsibility over angels.

**Matthew 19:28**, *So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

Christ tells the apostles that they will reign over the twelve tribes of Israel--they already have their duty specified.

He tells the rest of us that we have an inheritance, a sphere where we will co-reign with Christ forever and ever.

### **A proportionate reign**

#### **Parable of Talents: Matthew 25:14-30.**

Christ tells the familiar parable about a man who went on a journey and left five talents to one servant, two to another, and one to the last.

When the master returned, he found that the slave with five talents had made five more talents, the slave with two had made two more, and the slave with one had hidden his, so he only had the one talent to return.

To the one with ten talents he said.

**Matthew 25:21**, *His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'*

That is a picture of heaven for the faithful person who made the most of his spiritual gifts by serving others.

The more faithful you are in this life, the more responsibility you will be given in the life to come. Somehow our rule in heaven is proportionate to our faithfulness in this life.

Some may wonder why there should be any distinction between the one who received five and the one who received two--they both doubled what they had been given.

God is equitable and just, but He is also sovereign. In this life He has chosen to give gifts to some that will allow them to minister to more people than others. In eternity God will exercise His sovereign purpose in the same way. We will have differing responsibilities.

But no one will be jealous, boastful, or envious because we will all be perfect. We have unequal opportunity here. Some people heard the gospel when they were young and walked with Christ for years. Others came to Christ a week before they died. Someone could ask, "Was God fair to let that person live his whole life in sin and corruption before saving him?"

But God is sovereign and has the right to do what He chooses. The potter does what He wants, and the clay has no right to ask questions.

None of us will rule over a tribe of Israel, but the apostles will!

It is a question of God's design for us. We all have different capacities, and God will use those capacities according to His predetermined plan. In heaven you will be the fulfilment of everything God intended for you.

The parable of the talent's pictures heaven because when the Lord confronts the slave with one talent.

**Matthew 25:30**, *And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*

This is a picture of hell.

The contrast is that one slave is in hell and the other two are in heaven. Our Lord portrays heaven as a place of sharing His joy and reigning with Him.

**Parable of Minas: Luke 19:11-27.**

**Luke 19:12**, *Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.*

**Luke 19:15-16**, *"And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. <sup>16</sup> Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.'*

That slave responded to God's call and made the most of his spiritual opportunities.

The master rewards.

**Luke 19:17-19**, *And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'<sup>18</sup> And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.'<sup>19</sup> Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.'*

We will have authority in heaven.

To the Church in Laodicea.

**Revelation 3:20-21**, *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. <sup>21</sup> To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.*

### **Who is an overcomer?**

Believer!

**1 John 5:4-5**, *For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—[a]our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

So, the Bible stresses our ruling in heaven.

## **Conclusion**

In heaven you will not spend most of your time sitting on the edge of a cloud and playing a harp, strolling golden streets, or picking flowers in a massive celestial garden.

We will be busier than we have ever been yet will do perfect work and never grow tired.

Forever you will fulfil the inheritance God has given you yet rest at the same time.

God has built into human nature a drive to accomplish a goal and objective. One of life's greatest pleasures is satisfaction over a job well done.

In heaven you will be able to smile in the presence of God, knowing that each task in the sphere of your delegated authority will be executed perfectly. That will be a small part of the praise you offer to God.

The measure of our responsibility there will be related to the measure and use of our giftedness here.

How you live right now dictates how you will serve then.

Be sure to make the most of your spiritual privileges and reap the benefits both now and later.