

Treasures of the Sanctuary—Lesson 24—“A City with no Sanctuary?”

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS/TALK:

1. What is the best vacation you've ever been on? Or, what is the best place you can think of to visit on this earth?
2. What is the best thing about any place or trip? Does it matter who you get to be there with?

READING AND STUDY QUESTIONS:

1. What was one of the big reasons that God told Moses to build Him a Sanctuary? (Exodus 25:8)
2. Does God plan to dwell with us in Heaven forever? (Revelation 21:3)
3. Will God's presence be hiding away in some Sanctuary or earthly Temple as He did on this sinful earth? (Revelation 21:22) (*note: God will be able to freely be among His people in the New earth, just like when he was able to walk with Adam and Eve in the garden—Gen.1-3*)
4. What did God say he will make for his people? (John 14:2,3; Hebrews 11:16)
5. Where will the saved get to live for eternity? (Matthew 5:5)
6. Will God make this earth new and wonderful? (Revelation 21:1)
7. What will it be like there? (Rev. 21:2-5)
 - a. The Bible says “we look for a new heavens and a new earth *wherein dwells righteousness*” (2 Peter 3:13)
8. Will we have real bodies there? What will they be like? (Philippians 3:20,21; Luke 24:39-43)
 - a. *Once Jesus comes, our bodies will be restored to their original state of health. There will be no more “corruptible” nature to our bodies. No tooth decay, no weakness, no aging, etc. (ref. 1 Corinthians 15:51-54)*
9. What does the Heavenly city look like? (Revelation 21:10-14)
 - a. What are the dimensions of the city? (Rev. 21:15-17)

- b. How is this heavenly city beautifully decorated? (Rev. 21:18-21)
 - c. How glorious will this city be? (Rev. 21:22-26)
10. What kind of people will be there (or not be there)? (Rev. 21:8, 27; 22:15) Will there be any sin or crime there? *(note: Adam and Eve lost Paradise over one act of sin to God. One sin un-confessed and un-forsaken would be enough to keep us from entering those pearly gates)*
 11. What else will be there? (Rev. 22:1-3) *(note: everything that was lost from Adam and Eve's sin in the beginning is restored in this new earth...the tree of life, the "curse" is reversed, etc. The last 3 chapters of the Bible are the reverse of the first 3)*
 12. Will we also have country homes? Can we build and grow things on our own? (Isaiah 65:21,22) *(we can do many things with each other in the new earth!!)*
 13. Will the animals eat and kill each other or will there be peace again? (Isaiah 65:25) *(note: everyone in heaven, including the animals will all be vegetarians like in the very beginning. There is no death or destruction in heaven. All of the animals will be our friends again—they will be wild pets)*
 14. How does Jesus say we all can be there? (Revelation 22:14,17)

HEART QUESTION(S):

1. Would you like to be there in the Heavenly New Earth together with Jesus forever? _____
2. Let's do God's will today, and keep his commands today, so we can be there together tomorrow. Is that your desire? _____

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