



LESSON 4: GOD'S NEW EARTH FOR YOU

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"I don't want to go to heaven, a young man stated. Surprised, his Christian friend asked, "Why?"

It sounds boring, sitting around all the time on a cloud with nothing to do but play a harp."

Unfortunately, many people share this young man's thinking. But is this what heaven is like? Is this what you have to look forward to?

When you accept Jesus as your Saviour and invited Him into your life, He promised to give you eternal life. But where will you spend this eternal life and what will you do? Will you enjoy it or get bored after the first thousand years? What will you be like? Will you have a body your friends will recognise or will you be an invisible spirit?

It staggers the mind to consider living for hundreds of years, never dying, and you wonder - what will heaven be like? The Bible says that the heaven He gives to His people will be here, on this earth, but it will be a New Earth.

NEW EARTH

God says, "Behold, I make all things new." Revelation 21:5.

What does God do before He makes things new? 2 Peter 3:10-13

At the close of your first thousand years with Jesus, the earth is destroyed and cleansed by fire, then God shapes our planet into a new and perfect place. How does the Bible describe the New Earth?

Isaiah 35:1-2,7

Isaiah 51:3

The New Earth will not be like our present earth. The whole order of nature will be changed; even the animals will have new natures. What will they be like? Isaiah 11:6-9

NEW GOVERNMENT

Read Revelation 21 and 22 for a description of the new government that God is going to establish on earth. You'll find details about the capital city, the New Jerusalem, which are interesting. But the best news about the New Earth is that there will be no bad news.

What will not be there? Revelation 21:4,8,27; Revelation 22:15

Can you imagine a place without pain, without sorrow, without sickness, without death, without crime, without violence, without injustice? It seems too good to be true! What does the Bible say about the streets? Zechariah 8:5

God's New Earth will be a place where the streets are safe to play in, where there will be no criminals or law-breakers. All the citizens will live together peaceably and harmoniously.

Doesn't it make you feel like you can hardly wait to get there? That was John's reaction. What did he say as he finished writing? Revelation 22:20, last part

NEW BODIES

What will you and the other redeemed people be like in the New Earth? 1 John 3:2

You'll be "like Him" and what kind of body did Jesus have after His resurrection? Luke 24:36-43

Will your friends recognise you? 1 Corinthians 13:12

You won't be just a spirit, but you'll have a perfect, sinless body. What else does the Bible promise you about your body and your health? Revelation 21:4

Isaiah 33:24

Isaiah 35:5-6

Getting a new body means you won't get sick or old or ever die.

NEW LIFESTYLE

What kind of life will you lead in the New Earth? What will you do? Isaiah 65:21-23

You'll get to build your own hoe and garden and never be moved away from it. In fact, one big bonus in the New Earth will be that people can finish the work they begin. You'll never be interrupted by fatigue, illness or death.

Will there be children? Isaiah 11:6-8; Zechariah 8:5

The happiest thought of all is that you can personally be with Jesus. As one little boy put it, "where Jesus is, that's heaven." Where does God say He will be? Revelation 21:3

There will be regular worship services when all the redeemed will gather together to praise God. When will these times be? Isaiah 66:22-23

WHO WILL BE IN THE NEW EARTH?

Revelation 21:27, last phrase

Revelation 22:14

Revelation 21:7

WHO WILL NOT BE THERE?

Revelation 21:8,27

What happens to the unbelieving who do not have their names in the book of life? Revelation 20:15

You begin to see why it's so important that everyone be given an opportunity now to choose Jesus and become a "Son of God," adopted by Him and written in His book of life. God's perfect New Earth will have no place for sin; therefore, He must destroy sinners who choose sin instead of Him.

But He desires that all might be saved. And He wants you to be in His New Earth. Why? Jeremiah 31:3

ASK YOURSELF

What are some of the things that I think I will enjoy the most about the New Earth?
