

The Revised Version calls them dwelling places which is far better, but the original word was applied to the end and resting places at the different stations along the great Roman Road. Every great event in the Christian life is a resting place on the heavenly way. A place of refreshment and peace and of life giving strength for the journey! How it transfigures death as we see it in this new and higher light? No longer the end of the journey, but just a resting place where we are cheered and refreshed!

These plans included the individual and were personal. He said, "If it were not so," that is if life were not a constant progress in the world and the world beyond, then he would not have allowed the race of man to go on longer. We mark the words carefully: "I go to prepare a place for you in that blessed place where you shall be forever happy in that land of pure and perfect delight." He is speaking of that higher fellowship. "I will receive you unto Myself that where I am there ye may be also."

This is a place where sickness, sorrow, and pain and death shall be no more. We shall see the gates of pearl and the streets of gold and we shall walk by the side of the river of life and eat of the tree that grows by its shores. The joy of it all shall surpass all of our fondest desires. "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man the

"Heaven, God's Capital City"

John 14:2 Rev. I

Introduction:

The heavenly Jerusalem descends to the earth--the capital of heaven becoming the capital of earth and the heavenly Jerusalem becoming the "New Jerusalem." We have the city (described) as a new city, a heavenly city referred to as the "City of God" and the "Capital City of Heaven" as the "Mother of the Church" as the original of the earthly Jerusalem.

Hebrews 12:22 and Galatians 4:26

The new Jerusalem is described in (contrast) to the old Jerusalem in Palestine as the latter's goal--perfection and glorifying. Rev. 3:12, 21-22. It is as new Jerusalem that the heavenly Jerusalem descends to the earth.

From the wilderness (John) saw great Babylonia, the harlot in Rev. 17:1-3, from a mountain great and high new Jerusalem, the bride (Rev. 21:9-10) "Come hither, I will show you the bride, the wife of the lamb."

The Bible gives a threefold description.

First, as the new Jerusalem that descends from heaven (Rev. 21:9-27).

Second, as the perfected temple of God, the actual, eternal and holiest of all (Rev. 21:15, 16, and 22).

3rd As the glorified paradise, the perfecting of the earliest

beginnings of history. (Rev. 22:1-5).

I. First, the Planning Commission Meeting

It is in the Upper Room where the Master and His disciples are keeping the Feast of the Passover. This is the last time that they shall keep it together on earth. It is certainly a meeting of dramatic interest. The hour of His parting is drawing near, and their hearts are filled with sorrow because He has told them that He is going away. Then a wonderful mystery is given to them: "I go away and ye shall seek me, but whether I go ye cannot come. Whether I go ye know and the way ye know; yet a little while and the world seeth me no more. But ye see me. Because I live ye shall live also."

This was news that troubled their hearts. He unfolded for them the divine reason for His going, and He soothed their troubled hearts with great comfort. Listen: "It is expedient for you that I go away. For if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you. Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

It is the (announcement) of a going and a coming again, but the latter shall be greater than the former. It is the beginning of a departure that shall end in a more blessed reunion. He

passes on to them His plans. It is a passing away of the old ties and associations of earth and the new and scared fellowship of His kingdom. The (old covenant) has finished its work; it is beginning to fulfill now, and the new covenant is taking its place. "In my Father's house are many mansions." How often do we hear these words quoted with what a variety of meaning? As we listen to people try to interpret them there are some who apply them to heaven, some who apply them to this world, others apply them to the church. There are those who say that they apply to heaven and that all the un-numbered host who die and have lived in this world shall be raised again and dwell again in that place. There are others who say that the words refer to His house in this world; there are others who say that this is the church.

Jesus in His planning here was talking about the real meaning of life. Let us remember that He is saying something about life to come. Remember this is the last meeting that he will have before His death, and so on this time and at this occasion, it is required that He expound the real meaning of life. He leaves them this greatest of all subjects. What is it? Is it a journey He is taking, or is it just something from birth to judgement, from time to eternity? What is this Father's house? Is it the whole relationship of God with man? What were these many mansions of which He speaks?

symbolically here 6,000 miles of Jasper everywhere, 250 feet high. What are all the jewels of the earth in comparison to this They tell us that the largest of all diamonds yet know from Barneo weighs 367 carats (2 1/2 oz.) which has been famous for centuries. It is today among the British Crown Jewels. There is another one that weighs 106 carats, not quite one oz, known as the Kohienoor--Mount of Light.

Orlow, the former Russian Empress possessed this, weighs 195 carats, about 1 1/2 oz. But here is a wall of precious stones 6,000 miles long and 250 miles high all of crystal. This Truly all things earthly fall before the heavenly and become simply nothing and sink into insignificance. The glories of this world are not worthy to be compared to the glories of beyond. (Romans 8:18)

Next the gates. We find that there were twelve gates (Rev. 21:12 and 21). These gates which are open for the cross has unlocked them (John 1:51 and Acts 7:55). The pearl is itself an emblem of redemption. It originates through a special strong secretion of Mother of Pearl by the oyster as a reaction of injury from without. So also the opening of the pearly gates of heaven is the answer of the fatally wounded life of the Redeemer to the sin at the cross.

The gates quarter all those of heaven for salvation is for all (Rev. 21:13 and Isaiah 45:22). These gates are open

things that God hath prepared for those that love Him." II

Our trust in Him who has gone to prepare this place for us is a source of restfulness and happy living. We leave it in His divine hands; we shall not worry about this eternal home, for He will make it ready for us. We in confidence, leave it to Him because we know that He can be trusted. This will put to shame the criticism of the unbeliever and unbelieving world.

II. The Blueprint

As I think about the Planning Commission Meeting in which Jesus told them about this, I believe the next step would be to discuss with you something of the blueprint of this Capital City known as Heaven.

First, the landscape is going to be glorious. Holiness is the soul and truth of beauty. Its going to be radiant with truth; therefore, Jerusalem is glorious." Psalm 87:3 It will shine in heavenly gold; it will be like a palace of crystal (Rev. 21:18); it will be a holy city, (Rev. 21:2). The Bible points out that some of the most glorious colors and precious things of this earth such as gold, pearl, precious stones--these things will be splendor in the city of God. Hence it talks about golden streets, foundations of precious stones, the gates of pearl, and the wall of jasper, and the crystal water of life (Rev. 21:23-27).

Second, the foundation. The foundation of this city we

are told include the twelve foundation stones named in Rev. 21: 14, 19, and 20. Why this foundation? Why precisely the twelve apostles of the Lamb as inscribed? Because the Lamb is the foundation of the heavenly city; because the one crucified by the old Jerusalem is the crowned one in the new Jerusalem. In this picture of the new Jerusalem, John seven times names the Lamb (Rev. 21 and 22).

To John the Lamb is first the foundation or the name of the twelve apostles of the Lamb are on the foundation (Rev. 21: 14); second, the guard, for only those whose names are on the Lamb's Book of Life are permitted to enter the city. (Rev. 21:27); third, the spring of life, for the river of life comes out of the throne of God as a Lamb (Rev. 22:1); fourth, the light, for the Lamb is the light like jasper, as clear as crystal (Rev. 21:23 Isaiah 60:19); fifth, the beloved, for the city is the wife of the Lamb prepared as the bride for her bridegroom (Rev. 21:9 and 2); sixth, the temple, for the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple, therefore there is no need for another temple (Rev. 21:22); seventh, the king, for the throne of God and the Lamb is in the city. His servants will do His service (Rev. 22:3).

Third, the wall. As we consider the blueprint, we not only discover the landscape is beautiful, the foundation is solid, but the walls are great and high and have been measured

to as much as 250 feet according to the measure of man (Rev. 21: 12 and 17). First, the wall's height is great and high, almost four times as high as a modern, ordinary house in a large city. Naturally these figures are symbolic. In John's time the symbolism meant that the wall was not to be scaled by any human effort. Into the heavenly Jerusalem, the capital city of God, no one can enter by human progress; no one can climb up in his own spirit. The wall is too high. One must enter through the gates of pearl.

Second, its lowliness--and yet compared with the city itself, the wall is low--about 250 feet to 250 miles. As if the house in a big city 65 feet had around it a railing about one-fortieth of an inch high. But this is to indicate how safe the new Jerusalem is--no enemy can disturb it. Jerusalem shall be inhabited as an open city, (Zach. 2:4) with doors open all the day long (Rev. 21:25). The Lord Himself is the wall and no one can storm Him.

Third, its building material. The wall was of jasper which allowed the light of glory to pass through the new Jerusalem and radiate light all over the earth. The people will walk in the light of this city. (Rev. 21:24) The Lamb is the light (Rev. 21: 23) (Matt. 5:14)

The wall is precious. On every side of this wall we find

and His children. They will never again be annoyed by rent, tax collectors, gas bills, water and grocery bills; all will be over, and with all the pure and blessed, thou shalt have eternal rest.

IV. The living standards of this city.

✓ First as to the fellowship. Heaven is a place where we will meet all our saved friends and loved ones, never to part again. This is a blessed thought.

The tabernacle which is symbolic of perfect fellowship is the first symbol just as God's first place of abode with His people in the wilderness was the tabernacle. So the new heaven and the new earth will be His abode with them throughout eternity. He will have perfect fellowship with them. There will be no more separation for them.

The sea is no more. To John on Patmos, the sea was the thing which separated him from the things dearest to him, the churches of Asia. In his visions of God in Rev. 4 he saw a sea that kept the people away from God; but when all the destiny of man has been worked out, the sea is no more and man is in fellowship with God. John heard a voice proclaiming that the tabernacle of God is with men and He shall dwell with them and they shall be His people. This voice came immediately from the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, the capital city, coming down

toward the four corners of the earth.

Third, the gates with a mile radius of pearls, not with the flashing of diamonds for these gates are grace (Rev. 21:21).

Fourth, each gate is of one glorious pearl for they lead to glory (Rev. 12:1 and 21).

Hence these gates are for the people of God only for their number is twelvefold (Isaiah 33:24) which is the number of the people of God.

Sixth, these gates are under the guard of angels for the angel of the Lord God guards them (Rev. 21:12).

These gates with the names of the people of Israel for salvation comes from Jesus, hence through the Jews, the Israelite (John 4:22 and Romans 11:18 and Hebrews 11:10).

The blueprints included also something of the size. John 14:2 states that there are many mansions in heaven and there is room for all. This is a figure of the new Jerusalem--1500 miles long, 1500 miles broad, 1500 miles high--that is to say three-thousand-million cubic miles in the whole. All the buildings in the world and all the houses and halls in all cities and villages--everything that men today inhabit do not take up three-hundred cubic miles. Thus there is room in the heavenly Jerusalem for hundreds of thousands of generations.

But the numbers are not to be taken literally as to the size of the city. These things are figured to be symbolically.

John himself testifies that the measure which the angel has is a human measure (Rev. 21:17), that the angel employed human measure and forms and he spoke in picture. The basic number is twelve--twelve foundations, twelve precious stones, twelve names of the apostles, twelve gates, twelve angels.

Why this precise number everywhere? Well, three is the number of God they tell us. Four is the number of the world--four quarters of the heavens, four seasons of the year, four dimensions --length, breadth, height, depth--four elements--according to the old concept fire, water, earth, and air--four world empires, etc., four Gospels which contain the message of salvation for the whole world. Thus, you take (three plus four is the number of the covenant between God and the world which gives seven. That becomes salvation for the world. There were seven days of creation including the sabbath, seven festivals in Israel, seven days of the week, seven churches in Rev. 2, seven seals, seven trumpets, seven bowls of wrath, seven thunders, and seven stars. This is the covenant number between God and the world.

III. The inhabitants of this capital city

Who is going to dwell in this city?

First, God and the Lamb. The throne of God has the Lamb in it (Rev. 22:1). The old tabernacle of God is with men.

Second, angels. Ye are come unto Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and the angels and the general festival assembly." (Hebrews 12:22-23 and Rev. 21:10)

Third, the redeemed of Israel the names of the twelve tribes of Israel stand on the doors (Rev. 21:12). The new Jerusalem will dwell the of Israel of the time of the new covenant (Romans 11:4) also the believers of the preceding Old Testament times. "Who without us shall be made perfect?" (Hebrews 11:40) It is the city for which Abraham waited, of which God is the builder (Hebrews 11:10).

Fourth, those who have been called out of the world, who through the Gospel have been called into the church through Christ. The new Jerusalem is the mother for us all. (Galatians 4:26) We also have come into the heavenly Jerusalem (Hebrews 12:22).

This should produce a desire in the heart of the unsaved to serve God and seek God. Heaven is the goal of the Christian race. It's a narrow way; Jesus spoke of this. Stephen looked out through the showers of stones and saw the great goal--Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and Paul was able to see the new Jerusalem.

There are many homes--the old people's home, the soldier's home, the orphan's home, but heaven is the eternal home of God

She was a regular worshippers in our church -

Her faithfulness was a good example for others -

el remember well how ~~she~~ her mother Mrs Jones talked about eternal things heaven - Things to come -

She loved to Fellowship with people - & was proud of her family

She loved the church -

" " Jesus -

What would we exchange for this?
Christian life is endless subject -

She has gone to

Not Be Sentimental This Morning -
Speak about The Dwelling Place of Christian -

Miss Stella as el sometimes called her,
or Grandma.

el remember with pleasure reminiscence of Fellowship with her.

Enjoyed The simple things of life -
There was no fancy fascination for the
fills of luxurious living.

The Plain everyday things brought
joy to her - like all of us she had
her ideas about things - but that is
human nature.

Miss Stella spent a good deal of
time in Bible study & listening to
sermons.

She began with a Bible class many
years ago & continued to teach a
class of women until her health forbid
her serving longer. She hated to give
up - Her eye sight was getting weaker -
thus she took on substitute for
a long period of time.

drugs, hospitals, sorrow and disappointment. We will have ample protection and no one will ever again trespass upon our rights or privileges in any way. This protection according to Hebrews 13:14 is going to permanent for here we have no continuing city but seek one to come. All of the great cities of the past have passed away and some of the cities of this world today are passing away. But thank God, This capital city, God's city, will abide forever because it is permanent.

It is going to be permanent because it is a dwelling place of God. The Psalmist said, "Whom have I in heaven, but Thee." In another place, he said, "Unto Thee do I lift up mine eyes, Oh Thou that dwellest in heaven." Isaiah said, "Thus sayth the Lord, the heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool." Heaven is God's place, God's palace, God's home. This is verified in the 16th Chapter of Luke. Jesus told the story of the rich man and the beggar named Lazarus. The beggar died and was carried to Abraham's bosom. The rich man died and found himself in Hell. The rich man looked across the big gulf and saw Father Abraham and Lazarus in his company. The rich man felt his fate deeply for he was in torment, and Lazarus felt his destiny deeply for he was comforted. The rich man was so disturbed over the outcome of his life that he begged Father Abraham to send someone to the earth to warn his (five brothers) to avoid his fate. But Abraham replied that his brothers had warning enough

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glorious and beautiful in appearance. So the new Jerusalem is a tabernacle where God dwells with His people. He wipes away their tears; He erases forever crying, pain, and death. They have had their share of these things on earth. All things are new and here is the guarantee of fellowship that will continue. These have stood the test and are by Him. Have you ever stood by the bedside of a dear-one and held the trembling hand and looked into that face and they crossed the Jordan's stream? How well we remember the parting words: "Meet me in heaven!" They have been absent for many, many years, but they have not been forgotten. They are waiting to rejoin us on the other side of the river. What a meeting and a greeting when our loved ones we shall see in that victorious time? The fellowship is going to be wonderful because all the worries will be over as we enter. A string of pearls to the world is worth thousands of dollars, and any woman would be happy to possess some pearls, but in that day, we shall enter a gate of pearls and it shall have very little attraction for us. We will all be on our way to gaze at the face of Him who saved us and then see our loved ones. We are told that the streets will be paved with gold; men will do anything in this world for gold--they will rob, cheat, even kill for gold, but thank God, when we get to heaven, gold will be under our feet and we will worship it no longer. But we will have fellowship and praise with the Lamb that was slain.

There are some people who are so selfish about their

fellowship that they think that you cannot get to heaven unless you belong to a certain church and believe exactly as they do. I believe that there will be many people in heaven. God is a great god and has prepared a great foundation. Some people tell us that there will be only 144,000 people in heaven, but John did mention that number. Then he said that he looked again and that he saw a great multitude which no man could number of every nation, kindred, and tongue. If the great men of math in this world would try to number this multitude, they would real and stagger with such great figures. They are going to be the best people in the world, those with sin and evil washed away from their hearts. I want to be there, don't you?

Second protection! The living standards of this city will be one of safety and protection. It is going to be symbolic because here is a place in which God leaves nothing undone. The new Jerusalem is a city that will have gates and high walls that will protect it. Walls of the city in ancient days were for protection, and the great high wall symbolizes perfect protection. There are twelve gates to the city symbolizing an abundance of entrances. The ancient cities had one gate which was closed at night or when the enemy approached. If one was caught outside, it meant destruction. The new Jerusalem will have twelve gates--a perfect number--and these gates will never be closed. There will be an abundant entrance and each gate will

be made of one huge pearl to symbolize the fact that the entrance to heaven is by the way of suffering. This is the only jewel that is produced by suffering and pain in overcoming difficulty.

I refer again to the foundation which will not be shaken--the city will be perfectly square in its measurement--height, breadth, length of 12,000 furlongs. To take this number literally would destroy the symbolism, but would be the equivalent of 15,000 miles in our present day measurement. The effort of many people determined the size and number of people who will live in that city and how much room each person would have. This is used to create the impression of perfection and completeness. The entire description is intended to present a strong spacious, perfect, beautiful city where God's redeemed will dwell in perfect fellowship. Now to try to make this a literal city does violence. Some have done this and have arrived at some conclusions. Some say as they study it, the city of 1500 miles square and where Palestine is located is not more than 150' by 70 miles; therefore, they think that this city will stand above Palestine. We leave this in the hands of God. We know that this will be a place of protection.

It is to be untouched by the effects of sin. We can scarcely find a place on this world that is perfectly free from all disease, but in heaven they have no need for physicians,

wonder why a precious loved one is taken away and someone who is worth very little is left in the world. We shall never know the answers in this world, but in that better land we will sit down and Jesus will explain it to us. We will learn these things that seem hard and which are simply blessings to us.

We will be provided with a perfect home. Home is a dear spot on earth, but you will never find one that is perfect. We live happily with our loved ones about us, but one day a son goes away to another state or a daughter marries and goes to another part of the country. Our homes are thus broken up. We go to our family reunions once a year and our hearts are gladdened. Yes, our homes are often broken up down here, but they will never be broken with such words as "good-bye".

There will be the provision for holy worship in heaven; we will worship and Son and reign with Him.

Of course, there will be that happy harmony provided which will be a wonderful unity in heaven. Shall we know each other again? Without a doubt! We know each other here and certainly we will know each other in heaven; we should know more when we get there. Did not the rich man, even in his torment, recognize Abraham whom he had not before known and likewise Lazarus. (Luke 16:23) Did not Peter on the Mount of Transfiguration recognize Moses and Elijah of whom likewise he had never seen before? (Matt. 3:3-4 and Chapter 17) No, in heaven we will not

in the Word of God. Though someone should come and preach to them or wave a red flag in their face, they would not change.

I do not think it is pressing the story to far to say that heaven here is a real place of protection, just as earth is a real place. The main difference is that earth is a place that is spoiled by sin and corruption while heaven is a holy, pure place. The place will be different from this place. In heaven there will be no unhappiness nor sorrow, no sin nor any consequences for God wipeth away all the tears from their eyes. There will be people in heaven, for heaven will be their home and they will live in that capital city with God the Heavenly Father. In heaven, people will be people just as they are here. They will not be angels, but they will be like angels--completely happy to do God's will, completely ready to serve Him. They will be at home for heaven is the home of those citizens of that capital city. They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and God has brought them through the great tribulation. Another thing about the living standards of that city is that it will be a place of ample provisions Rev. 22:1-5! First, there will be a garden which symbolizes perfect enjoyment and supply of all needs. This is the destiny of the redeemed; here is the garden with a beautiful river of crystal water--the water of life issuing from the throne of God. On either side of this river grows a tree of life which bears its

fruit twelve months out of the year and the leaves of which have healing power. There are three basic things necessary to the sustaining of life: water, food, and health.

The picture symbolizes the provision of all three; the water of life and the perpetual fruit of the tree. The leaves with their healing quality will furnish health. Thus we see that God symbolizes here His care for His own.

How can a man live forever? Here is the answer and it comes from the throne of God and of the Lamb: that God has all the means to sustain eternal life in man.

In this garden with life divinely sustained, man shall serve God forever. He tried it on earth, but His efforts were imperfect because there were so many handicaps; there will be no such thing in heaven.

Another beautiful thing about the provision that God is going to make is that we will see His face often. In this world we often long to see Him. It is expressed in our poetry, in our hymns, but when this earth is passed away and man finally finds himself in the eternal presence of God, he will look on the face of the Redeemer, God, and serve Him. This is God's answer to the longing of man to know about the future life; that heaven will not only have the living standard of fellowship that is perfect, perfect protection, but there will be perfect

provision for man.

There will be the provision of rest. The full weight of glory will provide rest for the soul. Remember this is one of the greatest blessings you will receive as we wait for heaven, to come and enter the capital of God's vast universe, the great center-point of wealth. If men are captivated by the wealth of New York, London, and Paris, when they get to heaven there will be nothing in comparison with that. One wonders what heaven must be like with a jasper wall clear as crystal, a gate made of one mighty pearl!! Think of a city made of pure gold like unto clear glass; the great towers and the diamonds; the workmanship that is all divine! Think of the fine linens that will be provided; it will be a wonderful place as we think of all that God is going to provide for His very own.

It is going to be a place where music is provided. All of us love music and you thrill to hear great choruses and when great choirs sing. But the biggest place of music and the biggest choir will be in heaven (Rev. 5:11). We are told that the choir will consist of 100 million voices, with everybody in perfect harmony and everybody singing praises to the Lamb that was slain.

There will be the provision of knowledge. "Now I know in part, but then shall I know even as I am known." We wonder why God allows sin to come into the world to break the heart; we

be just wondering around without knowledge but one will recognize the other, and indeed there will be a sense of really knowing each other. What we now so term knowing takes place only through the clay of this body; there we will know because of spirit. There will be joy in cultivating fellowship with the saints who have gone such as Abraham, Moses, Elijas, Isaiah, John, and others.

V. Why not apply for citizenship?

If heaven is God's capital city, then why not apply for citizenship?

You might ask, "Well preacher, how do I get to heaven?"

Now this question is not just a foolish one. One of the most tragic facts about heaven is that not everybody is going to get there. Some of those who do not get there will be victims of a popular idea that they will reach heaven simply because they are sincere. That's a fine quality but will never get anyone into heaven.

Common sense will tell you that it takes more than that!

A doctor some years issued a prescription calling for a certain quantity of a drug. The druggist used another drug. Now there was a little difference between the two drugs that he used. Any layman may not know the difference but their purpose in use might be healing or poison. Later the druggist was arrested, tried, and found guilty and given three years sentence because

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even though he was sincere, he did not save himself.

No one has a right to think that he is going to get into heaven by being good, as much as we need that today. The Bible says, "By grace are ye saved, through faith and that not of yourselves." If a man could work his way into heaven, he would never hear the last of it. He would say, "I am glad that through all eternity and heaven I can talk about this and brag about it--how I got here." But there is not a man alive on earth who can accomplish this by himself or will see God's face. We recognize that anybody trying to earn his way or earn God's favor will be badly disappointed. Only through the cross of Jesus Christ will you reach glory. In Chapter 8 of Romans we see that God has done what the law could not do. God provided our eternal salvation and there is only one way to heaven. Christ says, "I am the way. No man cometh unto the Father but by me." He says, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; he that believeth not shall not see light." Jesus Christ alone is the way that leads to the Father and his capital city. When you put full confidence and trust in Jesus Christ then you are ready to go into glory. But Jesus said, "Not everyone that sayeth unto me, 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven." Therefore it is not enough for you to do certain things. This is a personal matter. You cannot claim somebody's religion.

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and He will take you to His home in heaven when you are ready. The doors of His home will be open to you and then closed behind you, then you will begin to understand that you have come home and that it is a glorious home.

What a place heaven is? "When we've been there ten thousand years, we will just feel as though we have just started. Such a wonderful place! Heaven will be free of all the curses here--sin, sorrow, poverty, sickness, pain, aching hearts, death, never another coffin closing. The Bible describes heaven as a wonderful, wonderful place. Death--the cruel enemy that robs a mother of her baby, the wife of her husband, the parent of their children, the upsetter of the best plans that we can devise, a trying enemy that continues his work spring, summer winter, etc.! To the Christian we are not afraid because Jesus knows the way. There will be no tombstones, nor graves or grave diggers, no hearses because we will never die in that land.

When the weather is bad and you come in out of the rain and mud, we do not feel fit to come into a wonderful living room and be seated with guests that are dressed! That's the way I feel about heaven. We need to be dressed--prepare to enter that wonderful place. I want you to get the party started tonight which is if you are ever going to enter into heaven. You must know that Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the light. No man cometh unto the Father but by me."

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Heaven is your home only when you say, "It's my home in my heart. Christ is my Lord." Take Jesus Christ as your Saviour

and He will take you to His home in heaven when you are ready. The doors of His home will be open to you and then closed behind you, then you will begin to understand that you have come home and that it is a glorious home.

What a place heaven is! "When we've been there ten thousand years, we will just feel as though we have just started. Such a wonderful place! Heaven will be free of all the curses here--sin, sorrow, poverty, sickness, pain, aching hearts, death, never another coffin closing. The Bible describes heaven as a wonderful, wonderful place. Death--the cruel enemy that robs a mother of her baby, the wife of her husband, the parent of their children, the upsetter of the best plans that we can devise, a trying enemy that continues his work spring, summer winter, etc.! To the Christian we are not afraid because Jesus knows the way. There will be no tombstones, nor graves or grave diggers, no hearses here-- will never die in that land.

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my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I could have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. JOHN 14:2.
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The scenery was monotonous, and the railroad coach was stuffy, but the little fellow sat quietly, even though he was all alone. Finally a motherly old lady leaned forward and asked, "Aren't you tired of the long ride and the dust and the heat?" The little lad looked up and replied brightly, "Yes, a little. But I don't mind it much because my father is going to meet me when I get to the end of it."
He loves me too much to forsake me,
Or give me one trial too much,
All His people have been dearly purchased,
And Satan can never claim such.
By and by I shall see Him and praise Him,
In the city of unending day;
And the toils of the road will seem nothing,
When I get to the end of the way.
... out by me."