



Revelation 21:1-6a, “The home of God is with mortals.”

Many church-goers talk about going to heaven. They assume they will be happy there. Perhaps they will enjoy their eternal lodgings. The behavior they exhibit causes me to be skeptical that the heavenly digs will make them happy. Their body communication contradicts their words.

For now, they readily become restless in God’s presence. They can barely spare 60 minutes a week to praise him. They squirm when the church clock ticks off past an hour. Many routinely stay at home to sleep in, play cards, watch the NFL, NBA, Soccer, NASCAR, do home repairs, or prepare for an afternoon barbecue. Can they possibly endure eternity praising God?

Still other Christians assume that they can take their life-garbage to heaven with them. They retain that refuse even though they’ve been warned that the Lord doesn’t tolerate such rubbish. I refer to such things as bitterness, greed, anger, intolerance of others, and impurity. If we expect to be at home with God, we’d better learn to enjoy him now and also clean our present habits and habitations.

“Try to stay out of all quarrels and seek to live a clean and holy life, for one who is not holy will not see the Lord,” *Hebrews 12:14 Living Letters.*

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