

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

Many church-goers I know talk about going to heaven and assume that they will be eternally happy there. Perhaps they will enjoy it. But something about many of those folks makes me skeptical. Their body communication contradicts their words. For now, they are restless in God’s presence. They can barely spare 60 minutes a week to praise him. They squirm when the church clock ticks off more than an hour. They seem far more at home playing cards, watching the NFL, NBA, MLB, NASCAR, or holding a fishing rod. Can they possibly endure eternity praising God?

Still other Christians assume that they can take their life-garbage to heaven with them. They retain it even though they’ve been warned that the Lord doesn’t tolerate such behavior and attitudes. I refer to bitterness, greed, anger, sexual immorality, and intolerance of others. If we expect to be at home with God, we better learn to enjoy him now. Very soon, we should also clean our present houses.

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