



# Faith Missionary Baptist Church

## BIBLE STUDY

[Tuesday & Wednesday]

December 8-9, 2020



### LESSON 16

## Know That Heaven Is Our Eternal Home

**Eccl. 12:5, 2 Cor. 5:1-10, Rev. 21:1-5**

### INTRODUCTION

In the last two lessons we have discussed the resurrection of the body and some of the details of the Christian's resurrection. We said we will have brand new bodies that will not be subject to corruption or decay. We said that both the righteous and the wicked will be raised from the dead and consigned to heaven or hell. What about the Christian's home? What will heaven be like? It will be like nothing we could ever imagine in this world. Imagine a home with no death! Imagine a home with no sickness!

Imagine a home of perfect peace every day! Imagine a home with no storm clouds! Imagine a home where all of God's people of all ages will be gathered around His throne! Imagine a home where there will be no night! Imagine a home dazzling with the beauty of jewels and pearls. Imagine the main attraction of home, face to face with Almighty God and Jesus Christ! All of this should give you chills running up and down your spine!

1<sup>st</sup> Reading-Ecclesiastes 12:5.....*Man's The Final Stretch Toward Home*

- A. Notice allegorical language in the description of the deterioration of the body.
- B. Fear of heights is a known trait of old age.
- C. Almond tree is symbolic of gray hair.
- D. Grasshopper becomes a burden = loss of energy and drive
- E. His long home= eternal home at death.
- F. Mourners go about the streets= Grief of those left behind.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-2 Corinthians 5:1-2..... *Moving From AN Old House To A New House*

- A. Christians know= having assurance
- B. Earthly house (allegorical, symbolic) = Our earthly bodies
- C. Dissolved = Decays
- D. We have = Possession
- E. Another building = (allegorical, symbolic)

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**FAITH**  
 (F) FORWARDING  
 (A) ALL  
 (I) ISSUES  
 (T) TO  
 (H) HEAVEN

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Description of the building -House not made by hands – Eternal in the heavens

- F. We groan or suffer in this tabernacle = a tent to be taken down
- G. We yearn to be clothed with our house (body) from heaven

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading- 2 Corinthians 5:3-4.....*We Are Sighing For Our Heavenly Body*

- A. In our present bodies we groan and sigh for our heavenly bodies.
- B. We long to put on the new body to be clothed.
- C. We groan in our present bodies which is like a heavy burden.
- D. We desire new bodies that will never die.

4<sup>th</sup> Reading-2 Corinthians 5:5-7.....*The Holy Spirit Is God's Deposit on Our New Bodies*

- A. God makes all things possible for us
- B. God gave us the deposit of the Holy Spirit as the guarantee.
- C. We are confident (sure)
- D. While in the body we are out of God's direct presence
- E. We walk by faith not by sight, See Hebrews 11:1, See 2 Cor 4:18, 1 Cor. 2:9, 1 Cor. 13:12

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5<sup>th</sup> Reading- 2 Corinthians 5:8.....*Out Of This Body To Be Home With The Lord*

- A. We are confident- Sure
- B. We are willing or ready
- C. To be absent or die
- D. The goal: To be present with the Lord. See Philippians 1:21-23

Luke 16:22

5<sup>th</sup> Reading-2 Corinthians 5:9-10.....*The Ultimate Goal: To Be Accepted and Rewarded*

- A. We labor= strive
- B. Whether living or dead to be accepted by Jesus
- C. We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.

Points about the judgment seat of Christ

- ❖ To be judged for our works only.
- ❖ Rewards will be given.
- ❖ This is not to determine going to heaven or hell. That has already been determined if you are saved.
- ❖ Good works and bad works will be judged.

6<sup>th</sup> Reading-Revelation 21:1-2.....*In Heaven Everything Will Be Brand New*

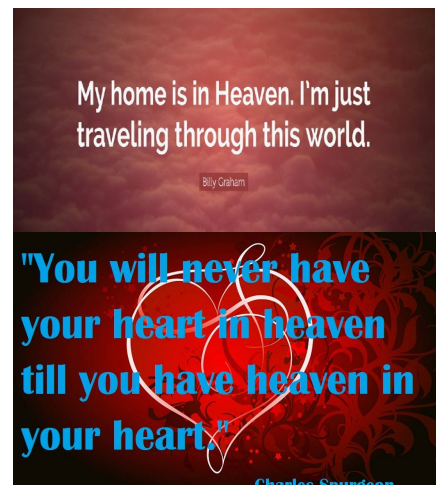
- A. John's Vision: A new Heaven and A new Earth
- B. Coming down out of heaven.
- C. First Heaven and First Earth passed away= No reminders of the past
- D. No more seas = No more dividers or boundaries to separate
- E. Prepared as a Bride Dressed For her husband=Full dressed in splendor and beauty.

7<sup>th</sup> Reading-Revelation 21:3.....*The Joining of God To His People*

- A. A great voice was heard perhaps a mighty angel
- B. Dwelling place of God is with men.
- C. God will dwell with them.
- D. They shall be his people.
- E. God himself shall be their God. Notice the pronoun "himself."

8<sup>th</sup> Reading-Revelation 21:4-5.....*There Will Be No Tears In Heaven*

- A. God shall wipe all tears away
- B. No reason for tears
- C. No death.
- D. No sorrow
- E. No pain
- F. Former things will be passed away.
- G. He that sat upon the throne (God)
- H. Declaration- Behold, or Look, I will make all things new.
- I. Verification: Write these words are true and faithful



**Spiritual Applications of The Lesson**

1. It looks like Christians have a bright future ahead.
2. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.
3. The major attraction of heaven will be God the Father and Jesus Christ.
4. Thank God for His eternal provisions for His people.
5. The events of today is moving us closer to the new Heaven.
6. It is wonderful to know that we have an eternal home in heaven
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**MEMORY VERSE:** "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

-----2 Corinthians 5:1



