

“Somebody’s Getting Married!” *All Things New*

God’s Word:

Revelation 21:1-8

Key Verses:

“AND I HEARD A LOUD VOICE FROM THE THRONE, SAYING,
‘BEHOLD, THE TABERNACLE OF GOD IS AMONG MEN, AND HE
WILL DWELL AMONG THEM, AND THEY SHALL BE HIS PEOPLE,
AND GOD HIMSELF WILL BE AMONG THEM.’”

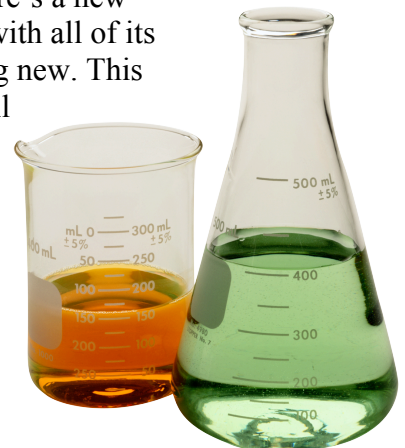
REVELATION 21:3

Breaking It Down

At the beginning of the Bible, there is a wedding between Adam and Eve (Genesis 2:22). And here, at the end of the Bible, there is a wedding between God and His people. In Bible terms, that’s also referred to as Christ and His Bride (Rev. 21:2). This week’s lesson is about the divine wedding party that is going to take place when we are no longer waiting for Christ to come back for His believers, but we will finally be united and inseparable from Him for the rest of eternity.

First of all, there’s a new place to live. Verse 1 says that there’s a new Heaven and a new Earth. This world as we know it will be gone – with all of its problems and all of its decay. It’s all going to burn up for something new. This passage tells us there will be no more sea. In other words, there will be no place to drown no place that separates you from your loved ones, and no place where attackers can come to surprise and assault you. God is preparing a new home for us in His house and it’s going to be wonderful.

Secondly, God Himself will always be with His church, which is His people. Here on Earth, we sometimes feel that God is close, and sometimes we feel like we don’t know where God is.



Sometimes we feel like we don't know the will of God and sometimes we know that we do. Verse 4 says that there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, because God will end it all.

Third, no one who lives a life of disobedience to God will be there. The Bible lists certain kinds of people who will be thrown into Hell with the Devil and his angels (demons). These people are characterized by what they do—not as having done it once or twice but refusing to turn from that lifestyle. They disbelieve God or are too afraid to stand for Him. They kill people or are sexually immoral with them. They cast spells or worship things other than God. Finally, they practice all kinds of deceit. These people receive the “fruit” of their actions and end up in a place of destruction.

The rest of this chapter describes how wonderful Heaven will be. It's going to be so much better than anything here on Earth. It really will be a sight to see.

Living It

Have you ever dreamed about Heaven or wondered what it would be like? When I was a kid, I hated going to bed because I had to stop playing. In Heaven, you never have to stop playing, because it's never nighttime. There will probably be work there (Rev. 7:15), but we won't find it hard or painful (21:4). The best part about it is that God will always be there. In fact, it's because God's there that it's going to be so wonderful! The One who made the universe the first time is going to make it all over again. It will be without flaw and for the enjoyment of those who put their faith in God while they lived here on Earth. The best part about it is that the Maker of it all will be right there with us to help us enjoy it.



My wife is constantly telling me that I need to read the directions on things. Sometimes I don't read the directions for the bathroom cleaner, and the tub ends up smelling like a swimming pool all night. Other times, I don't read a recipe correctly, and the dinner ends up tasting terrible. In Heaven, the Writer of the instruction manual will always be with us – so the bathroom will always be properly cleaned and the food will always turn out right, if we were to put it in human terms.

Don't you want to be part of this? Sometimes it's hard to believe such a wonderful and amazing thing is true. Think about it, though: the One who wrote this book became a person who raised people from death and healed them of every kind of

disease. If you recognize that, you see that the Bible is true when it says that nothing is impossible for God. Heaven really is going to happen! If you haven't received Christ as Lord, repent of your sins and do it now so you can get in on this!

Understanding It

1. In verse 5, the Lord tells John (the writer of the book of Revelation) to write down the words in this passage. What did God say about these words?
 2. In Heaven, where will people drink?
 3. What do you think Heaven will be like?
 4. Do you believe that if you died tonight, you would go to Heaven? If not, talk to your pastor or youth leader or Sabbath School teacher about how you can be sure of your eternal destiny. The Bible says at Romans 10:9 that "if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
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Doing It!



This week, think about what God says in this week's passage about all things becoming new. Then write at least three or four sentences about why this new, Heavenly place will be such a joy for you. If you're having trouble, think about the challenges and trials you have in this life that will one day be gone.