

## HEAVEN, THE PLACE OF NO TEARS

### Revelation 21:1-4

**Introduction:** In today's times, we Christians think of two worlds. We commit spiritual suicide if we live for this world only and think nothing of the world which is to come, and sadly, that is what most people do, for to see them, one would think that there is nothing after this world. Let us contrast the two worlds: the land in which we live now which is the land of many tears, and God's heaven, which is the place of no tears. Jesus told us of the other world and he was going to prepare a place for us. John gives us a glimpse into that wonderful world in his book of "Revelation."

### I. THIS EARTH IS THE LAND OF TEARS

We find tears at every corner and every turn of the street/road. The sun shines for a while, then it disappears and shadows gather round and then comes bitter tears.

1. There are the tears of disappointment.
  - Things come for a while that make us happy, and we prosper for a while, then sorrow.
  - Moses, in leading Israel to their promised land had ups and downs.
2. There are the tears of shattered dreams.
  - We have high hopes, build "castles in the air" but our dreams never come true and our "castles" never get built.
  - Who of us has not had dreams and then saw them shattered?
3. There are the tears of death.
  - How many times have we seen families in sorrow because of a death in the family?
  - All of us know the pain in our hearts because of the loss of a loved one. Is there anything more painful?
4. Yes, this world of ours is indeed full of tears but just think, someday, we can go to the other land, the other world and never see any loved ones taken from us anymore, death will be gone.

### II. HEAVEN IS THE LAND OF NO TEARS

1. Heaven is indeed a very real place.
  - Jesus said that He was going to prepare a place for us.
    - Heaven is a prepared place for a "prepared" people.
    - Jesus has done His part, He has prepared a place, now are you prepared to go there?
  - ***"...The angel said to John, 'these are they which came out of the great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the lamb.'"***
  - Our clothing is indeed filthy with the sin of this world but we shall be washed white in the blood of the Lamb if we are to enter heaven.
  - Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.

2. Heaven is a perfect place.
  - Jesus, a carpenter before He ascended into heaven became the designer of the place in heaven for those who believed in Him.
  - Walls of jasper, gates of solid pearl, streets like transparent gold.
  - What is of great value down here, Jesus used for building materials up there.
3. Heaven is a place where many people will be.
  - Not just a handpicked few but an uncountable multitude.
  - People whose sins were washed away by the blood of Jesus.
4. Heaven is a permanent place. (*Hebrews 13:14*)
  - Every great city, country of this world will one day perish and disappear, but not our place in heaven.
  - There is no power wherever that can harm our heavenly place.
5. Heaven is a place of perfect residences.
  - While here on this earth everyone works to have a place to live and have some money saved up for difficult times.
  - There in heaven everyone will have a mansion and no need of a bank account for our God of heaven will provide all that any of us will ever need.
6. Heaven is a place of perfect music.
  - Just try to imagine a choir of two thousand voices, better yet, try to imagine a choir of a hundred million voices. That's God's choir in heaven. (*Revelation 5:11*)
7. Heaven is a place of perfect knowledge.
  - "...*Now I know in part; but then shall I know, even as I am known...*" wrote Paul.
  - Hard to remember people right now, but in heaven, we shall know everybody and everybody shall know us. Even those we have never met down here.
8. Heaven is a place of perfect service.
  - Everything we do down here could stand some improvement in some way, but everything we do in heaven will be done perfectly and with the right attitude and for the right reason.
9. Heaven is a perfect home.
  - "There's no place like home.." we say and in our later years we spend time talking about times past when the children were all at home, before anybody died and we are a bit saddened that those times are gone.
  - Heaven is different. There will be nobody leaving home and those who left down here will be gathered back together (if they know Jesus) and will never be separated again.
  - Those loved ones we buried, we will be reunited with them in heaven, if they knew Jesus.

10. Heaven is a place of perfect rest.
  - All of us get so tired from time to time, we just want to throw up our hands and quit.
  - Our bodies tire, get sick, and our minds grow dull.
  - In our place in heaven we won't be getting tired or sick and our minds will stay fresh and alert.
  - We will always have sunshine, everything that we will ever need with no tiring out, no suffering, living in perfect bodies.
  
11. Heaven is a place where Jesus is.
  - If the streets of gold and the gates of pearl and the mansions of greatness were all that would be in heaven, then our struggles down here might not be worth all that we go through, but if Jesus will be there, then just one glimpse of Him will be worth all that this old world and Satan can throw at us.
  - Just think - all that we have read, heard, learned, thought, felt, seen, wondered about Jesus will be made real in heaven. Yes, indeed, "IT WILL BE WORTH IT ALL!"

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. Doesn't this Heaven sound interesting? Want to go to this wonderful place? You can, but you will have to do things God's way.
2. God says to believe in His only begotten Son, Jesus, and you can have eternal life in heaven.
3. God also says that "*...now is the time of salvation...*" you don't want to put this off any longer.
4. Our minds cannot comprehend the beauty, greatness, majesty and peacefulness of heaven for what Jesus has done is far beyond our greatest imaginations.
5. Jesus think - eternity in a place Jesus built just for people like us - believers in Him.