

HEAVEN — What Will Society Be Like?
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Key Thought of the Day

Society, culture and life in Heaven will be saturated with the _____
_____ of Jesus.

Key Verses of the Day

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'" Revelation 7:9-17 NIV

The Celebration of Heaven...

- Will include _____ Jesus and the Kingdom of God.

...they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple...

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. Revelation 21:22 NIV

Grab This!

In Heaven you will have a _____!

The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. Revelation 22:3 NIV

"My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." John 5:17 NIV

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10 NLT

The Celebration of Heaven...

- Will include the blessings found in Jesus' _____.

...and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat.

Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years, the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them. Isaiah 65:20-23 NIV

The Celebration of Heaven...

• Will include the _____ of the Great Shepherd.

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:13-14 NIV

For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. Matthew 16:27 NIV

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. Matthew 6:20 NIV

So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body... 2 Corinthians 5:9-10 NIV

"Power belongs to you, God, and with you, Lord, is unending love"; and, "You reward everyone according to what they have done." Psalm 62:12 NIV

"Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." Matthew 25:21 ESV

Grab This!

Jesus states: The _____ investment you can make is to lay up investments in Heaven.

"I've a feeling we've got to the country where everything is allowed." The Last Battle, C.S. Lewis

The Celebration of Heaven...

• Will include all of the _____ of our lives and none of the _____.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

"Joy is the serious business of heaven." The Business of Heaven, C.S. Lewis

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Psalm 16:11 NIV

What will life be like in Heaven?

The Bottom Line

Life in Heaven will include the honor of worshipping and serving Jesus... it will know the protection of the Sheltering Presence of Jesus... it will overflow with the blessings of the Great Shepherd, Jesus... and it will be bursting with the joy experienced in the Risen Jesus.

The Challenge

As you do life today, make sure you are appropriately preparing for your life to come in Heaven!