

Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All

Much of our physical life is built around rewards. We receive recognition for a good job done at home, school, work or in the community. We work in anticipation of the rewards it may bring – paycheck, retirement, or the satisfaction of a job well done. Is the reward worth all the work that we have put into it? The rewards are shorter than the time spent to obtain them, yet we enjoy them.

There will be trials and tribulations in this life (**Romans 5:3; 2 Thessalonians 1:4**). There will be persecutions in this life (**Matthew 5:10, 12; Mark 10:30**). They persecuted Jesus, they will persecute us (**John 15:20**). We may be persecuted to our physical death (**John 16:2; Acts 26:10**).

There is the anticipation of Heaven for the faithful. There is an eternal reward for faithfulness to God throughout this life, the crown of life (**Revelation 2:10**). There is an inheritance that is incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away that is reserved in heaven for us (**1 Peter 1:4-5**).

Indeed, we believe that Heaven will surely be worth it all. Whatever we go through here on earth, regardless of how long that may last, we believe Heaven is worth it all. The suffering of this life is not worthy to be compared with the rewards of Heaven (**Romans 8:18**). Even all the wealth of this world cannot be compared with the reward of Heaven (**Hebrews 11:26**).

We may have been unjustly persecuted for our faith in this life. However, we have the promise of God that His righteousness will deal with those who persecuted us (**2 Thessalonians 1:4-9**). God indeed, will vindicate us (**Revelation 6:9-11**). When we have overcome in this life, we will sit down with Christ on His throne in eternity (**Revelation 3:21**).

There will be an eternal separation from those who hate God and His people (**Matthew 25:31-46; 7:21-23**). We will each be reward according to our works (**Matthew 16:27; Revelation 22:12-15**). God will judge those who are outside (**1 Corinthians 5:13; Revelation 22:15**). Those on the inside will be blessed (**Hebrews 10:17-18**).

Heaven will be a place where the things of this world will no longer affect us. No more tears, death, sorrow, crying, or pain. All these former things have passed away (**Revelation 21:4**). There is no way to adequately describe Heaven (**Revelation 21-22**). When caught up into Paradise Paul said that he had heard inexpressible words, which was not lawful for him to utter (**2 Corinthians 12:4**).

Those faithful to God will hear the Lord say to His servants, “Well done” (**Matthew 25:21, 23**). We want to receive a full reward (**2 John 8**). We are encouraged to let no one cheat us of our reward (**Colossians 2:18**). However, we understand that we have only done what we ought to have done (**Luke 17:10**).

Eternal life is the opposite of the physical life (**Titus 1:2**). Here our life is described as a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away (**James 4:14**). There we shall always be with the Lord (**1 Thessalonians 4:17**). Therefore, we need to be careful not to cast away our

confidence in God, which has great reward (**Hebrews 10:35**).

Think about living a life here that God is not being ashamed to be called our God (**Hebrews 11:16**). We have fellowship with God the Father, and His Son Jesus here (**1 John 1:3-4**). Then think about God preparing a city for us eternally. One day we will be in the Father's house where Jesus dwells (**John 14:1-3**).

May we remember that we were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ (**1 Peter 1:18-19**). We are workers together with Christ (**2 Corinthians 5:21**). Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift (**2 Corinthians 9:15**). May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen (**Revelation 22:21**).

Something to think about!

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