

Devotion Info
Beauty in the New Dimension

DAY 1 Read Revelation 7:9,17; Revelation 21:10; Revelation 22:1-2

After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. Revelation 7:9 NLT

For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Revelation 7:17 NLT

So he took me in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. Revelation 21:10 NLT

Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations. Revelation 22:1-2 NLT

- How realistic is that word picture to you? Do you find it believable (in a literal sense) or are you skeptical (seeing it as purely figurative)? Why?

DAY 2 Read I Corinthians 13:12; I Corinthians 15:43-44

Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. 1 Corinthians 13:12 NLT

Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies. 1 Corinthians 15:43-44 NLT

- Can you imagine what your spiritual body will be like? What are some things you hope to experience in heaven?

DAY 3 Read Matthew 6:9-10

Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:9-10 NLT

- What are some ways you can begin to live now “on earth as it is in heaven”?

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DAY 4 Read Hebrews 11:13-16

All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. Obviously people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own. If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back. But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. Hebrews 11:13-16 NLT

- What can you do to practice believing what God has promised to you in Scripture?

DAY 5 Read 2 Corinthians 12:2-4 NLT

I was caught up to the third heaven fourteen years ago. Whether I was in my body or out of my body, I don't know—only God knows. Yes, only God knows whether I was in my body or outside my body. But I do know that I was caught up to paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be expressed in words, things no human is allowed to tell. 2 Corinthians 12:2-4 NLT

Paul acknowledges that his experience could have been either in his body or outside of it. In other words, he didn't consider it "unbiblical" that something like that could happen. Either way, he got a glimpse of his future home, and it was beyond anything he could describe.

- How real is Heaven to you? How excited are you about spending eternity there? How excited does God think you should be about it?