

Memory Verse: Revelation 21:7

He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Weekly Reading:

Day 1 Isaiah 65:17-25

Day 2 Revelation 22:1-6

Day 3 Revelation 22:7-11

Day 4 Revelation 22:12-15

Day 5 Revelation 22:16-21

Study Questions:

Review Revelation 21:9-21: From these verses, what do you find most remarkable about this Holy City, the New Jerusalem?

1. On page 161 of Randy Alcorn's book *Heaven*, you will find a chart comparing our assumptions of Heaven with what the Bible says about heaven.
 - What comforting promises of God will we discover in Heaven?

In Randy's book he points out some interesting things from the Bible that blows away most of our previous concepts of Heaven. A couple great ideas are that Heaven will be familiar to us in an earthly way. Another is that we will have the comforts of home and we will retain many of the good things we know and find the best still to come. Our desires will be pure but they will be fulfilled as well. It really is like thinking of every good thing and knowing it will be there and then adding the best things to the list that we do not yet have.

- How does this increase your longing for Heaven?

For me when I no longer need to regret what I will lose but only focus on what I will gain, it really begins to bring home the truth that Heaven is my desire and it is a better place to be.

2. What do you think we will do for all of eternity?
(Read Isaiah 65:17-25)

We will find joy, we will build, we will plant, we will eat, we will enjoy the work of our hands, we will be blessed in every way, we will be in constant communication with God, we will be happy and fulfilled.

3. Based upon what you have studied, do you think animals and nature as we know it will be present on the New Earth? What scriptures might support your opinion? (Consider the prophecy of Isaiah in chapters 11, 60, and 65)

From these passages, it seems obvious that we will have animals in Heaven of every kind for our enjoyment. But even the animals will be better than they are now. Humans and animals will all live at peace.

4. Do you think New Earth will have homes and cities? (Consider Hebrews 11:10 & 11:16, and John 14:1-4)

The idea of cities and homes seems again to be very obvious from scripture. However, much like the animals being at peace with one another, so our cities and homes will be different in that they are built in peace and from a sinless people.