

What will we do for all eternity?

Revelation 22:3-5

³No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign forever and ever."

Memory Verse: Matthew 25:23

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"

Reading Schedule:

Day 1 Revelation 4

Day 2 Revelation 5

Day 3 Revelation 21:1-8 (Re-read with a deeper understanding)

Day 4 Revelation 21:9-27 (Re-read with a deeper understanding)

Day 5 Revelation 22 (Re-read with a deeper understanding)

1. What do you think we will do for all of eternity?

In this weeks text we find three indications of what we will do in Heaven; we will worship serve Him (verse 3), we will worship Him (verse 4) and we will reign with Him (Verse 5).

Isn't it interesting that God tells us we will be worshipping, serving and reigning? Some people of this world would take those as opposing behaviors. Yet Jesus taught clearly that His job was to reign as king and still worship God the Father, and yet He also came to serve us and not to be served. His model was one that we can learn from on earth.

1 Peter 5:1-4 gives us a clear picture of this dual role of serving and reigning. In these verses the Elder is called Shepherd of the flock just as Jesus is the good Chief Shepherd. A Shepherd reigns over the flock and yet the Shepherd serves the flock. The Shepherd leads, feeds, and protects the flock at all cost and the good Shepherd does it sacrificially. Now, of course, in Heaven we will not face the wolves attacking the flock as we would on earth and yet at the same time the role gives us insight into this joint role of serving and reigning.

2. Lyrics of one of my favorite worship songs come inspired by Revelation 4, "We fall down and lay our crowns at he feet of Jesus." Read Revelation 4:9-11, what do you think it means to fall down and lay crowns at the feet of Jesus? How does this fit in with the concept of worshipping, reigning, and serving

I really think this is symbolic to humbly submit to Christ. All we are and all we accomplish are from Him and through Him and to Him. When we worship, when we serve, and when we reign it is for Him and Him alone. We fall down and we lay our crowns at His feet. Our reward is for His glory alone.

3. Read Luke 19:11-27, 2 Timothy 2:11-12, Daniel 7:18, 27, Revelation 5:10, and then review Revelation 22:5. What do you think the end of Revelation 22:5 means to reign forever and ever?

It is very difficult for me to understand how we, sinners, could reign with Christ. What exactly does that mean? I am not sure I know but I do know it is part of God's plan. It is part of the message the Lord has given us and part of our glorification in Him. He wants us to reign with Him. He will continue to robe us in Himself as He perfects us by the power of His blood.

Here is a side bar question for free, who or what will we reign over?