

Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All!
2Corinthians 4:16-18

“If you miss heaven, you just missed all there is.” Dee Bowman

We all share a desire to go to heaven and take others with us. - **Romans 8:18**

Sometimes difficult to remain motivated. Times when zeal fades, complacency replaces diligence.
Times when take eyes off goal.

Must constantly focus attention on ultimate goal. Like farmer dangles carrot before reluctant mule,
need to focus attention on our goal of eternal paradise in presence of Lord. - **Philippians 3:13-14;**
1Corinthians 9:24-27

It Is The Wonderful City of God's Abode Rev 4

Description of God (various attributes); activities around His throne.

A wonderful, happy city!

God dwells there among the redeemed of all ages. - **Revelation 21:1-3**

In presence of God; face to face; have sent our prayers; great throne

Here struggle to comprehend God, in heaven struggle is over

Seeing God doesn't excite, take close look at relationship with Him!

No more tears, death, sorrow, crying, or pain - **Revelation 21:4**

Cause of all these removed. - **Revelation 7:13-17**

Mourn now to be comforted by tender, benevolent Father - **Matthew 5:4**

Burdens of life, so heavy almost make fall, vanish when hear blessed Lord welcome us home.

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No sun - God and Lamb are the light - **Revelation 21:23-27**

Gates - no enemies, no need for protection.

No challenge to God's glory.

Nothing to spoil; sin turns man against man, but no sin in heaven.

No night - God is always present.

Will toils, tears, resistance, self-discipline, sacrifice & sorrow be worth eternal existence in God's
glorious presence? Yes!

Our Battle With Temptation & Sin Will Trouble Us No More

Overcome through the power of Jesus Christ

Get tired of fighting urge to sin? Grow weary of saying no to temptation? Disciplining passions?

Corralling tongue? Doing good?

In Father's presence, labors all over & struggle against sin vanished

Never again have to bite our tongue. Never again have to beat back flaming passions of lusts.

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Our earthly existence is a constant battle:

Must be watchful of Satan and his many disguises - **2Corinthians 11:14**

Be careful not to fall into his snare - **2Timothy 2:26**

No time to let guard down. - **1Peter 5:8-9**

All the things of the world we lust after will pass away - **1John 2:16-17**

Heaven can't be ours if we spend this life pursuing the physical.

If put our trust & affection on physical are destined for destruction

The flesh, cause of our lusts, will be put off - **1John 3:2; 1Corinthians 15:51-54**

Without flesh no temptation in heaven.

What an incomprehensible blessing.

Heaven as goal, not grow weary of fighting! - **Galatians 6:7-9; James 5:7-8**

We will reap the promised harvest!

We battle many trials, toils & tears in our physical existence.

Many disappointments & heartaches tempt us back into the world.

When voices blend with hosts of heaven in praise to Him sits upon throne, never more to be assaulted by great deceiver & father of lies, we can shout with redeemed of all ages Heaven is surely worth it all!

Righteousness of Its Inhabitants

Enoch - **Genesis 5:24**

Elijah - **2Kings 2:11**

Stephen - **Acts 7:60**

Not these alone, but all who obey the Lord. - **2Timothy 4:7-8; Hebrews 5:9**

Giants of faith - Moses, Noah, Sarah, Deborah, Timothy, Barnabas

Those who laid spiritual foundation for our life (Mothers, Fathers, Grandparents, elders, friends)
Great to embrace once again!

Jesus will be there - **Acts 1:9**

White robed - spotless before God, victorious. so can I! **Hebrews 11; Hebrews 12:1-3**

When our voices join with those of Moses, Enoch, Stephen, Paul, and the nameless thousands who have faithfully served the Lord, we can confidently proclaim Heaven is surely worth it all!

Don't Stop Now!

Don't cast away confidence; don't draw back from goal - **Hebrews 10:35-39**

Soon, we'll be going home. Soon will draw last breath & heart will beat for one last time. That time is closer than ever before. - **2Corinthians 5:1-10**

Soon we'll be going home, ascend celestial staircase to beautiful city of glory & gold. See faces waiting to greet us. One who would rather die than live without us, His pierced hands, reach to welcome us home.

In this life we cannot fully grasp the extent of the joy and amazement of seeing our Lord face to face, laying our burdens down, resting from our labors, basking in the interrupted glory of His love. Heaven will surely be worth it all!

I want to go to heaven, and I'm sure you do as well.

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