

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

All Things New - Part 4

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Introduction

Most people spend the majority of their waking hours striving to get the best the world has to offer. We forget that through Jesus, we are saved and have eternal life. God is bringing about a new heaven and a new earth - a well-prepared, physically beautiful, healthy, satisfying, safe and perfected place where believers will be in His presence. The way we live today is up to us: we can try to accrue treasures on earth, or we can live in anticipation of what God has prepared for those who love Him.

Read

Revelation 21:1-5

Discuss

1. What stands out to you in Revelation 21:1-5? Why?
2. If you were to paint a picture of the eternal realm, what would it look like? Describe it with as much detail as possible.
3. When we have an underdeveloped sense of eternity, we cling to what we have on earth. What are some things you consider to be your treasure?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 2:9. What God has prepared for us is beyond what we can see, hear, think and imagine. How does that make you feel about your treasure on earth? Is there a need to shift your perspective?
5. How can we develop our sense of eternity and prepare ourselves for this new heaven and new earth?
6. What are you most looking forward to about the new heaven and new earth?

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Respond

James says that life is a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. C.S. Lewis illustrated life on earth as only the cover and the title page. As believers, we fix our eyes on the day when we will live in the new heaven and new earth. But that does not mean we should waste our lives today. We are called to live out the Great Commandment and undertake the Great Commission. How does the eternal realm motivate you to read the Bible with a friend?

A note from the Going Deeper team

Due to the public holiday on Monday 8th March, Going Deeper will not be produced next week.