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## Seeing Heaven

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**Revelation 21:1-8** <sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

<sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying:

“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man,  
and He will dwell with them.

They will be His people,  
and God Himself will be with them as their God.

<sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,  
and there will be no more death  
or mourning or crying or pain,  
for the former things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the One seated on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” Then He said, “Write this down, for these words are faithful and true.” <sup>6</sup>And He told me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give freely from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup>The one who overcomes will inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he will be My son. <sup>8</sup>But to the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and sexually immoral and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur. This is the second death.” (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

A. None of these **events** happen until the old order of things are gone. V. 1 The old order included: The systems of the world, our sinful flesh, and the devil.

**II Peter 3:11-13** <sup>11</sup>Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to conduct yourselves in holiness and godliness <sup>12</sup>as you anticipate and hasten the coming of the day of God, when the heavens will be destroyed by fire and the elements will melt in the heat. <sup>13</sup>But in keeping with God’s promise, we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.(BSB)

B. Our faith began with Abraham who sought a city whose **builder** was God Himself. V. 2

**Hebrews 11:8-10** <sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, without knowing where he

was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he dwelt in the promised land as a stranger in a foreign country. He lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. (BSB)

- C. The New Jerusalem will have a **new order** of things. V.3-4
- D. The **emphasis** of the New Jerusalem will be on God Himself. V.5-6
- E. We will be **family** with God Himself. V. 7
- F. Hell is the permanent abode of the **enemies** of God. V.8

## II. What can we learn from this?

- A. We must be willing to evaluate our life and our priorities according to what will happen in the **future**.
- B. The inner hunger that we have for meaning and purpose must be **satisfied** only by God.
- C. We must live our life fueled by the **Hope** that we have in Jesus Christ.
- D. We must **enjoy** being a part of the family of God.