



Is it God's purpose to leave us in this world of suffering?

For many, life has turned into a nightmare, as they are tormented by sicknesses; consumed by anguish; in a conquest for bread; misunderstood in the home; disappointed by loved ones; enslaved by work. For many more, life has become a heavy burden.

How many dreams have not been fulfilled! Many look for friendship and find rejection. Some desire health but instead suffer from an illness. Some want their own home, but it seems impossible. We all wish to have our loved ones near us that death has taken from us.

1. God has promised a home without shadows. When will we receive it? John 14:1-3.

-
- We will be given a new world like the one given to our first parents (Genesis 1:31). Everything will be beautiful including plants, flowers, and animals. We will enjoy perfect peace and happiness.
 - Man received 4 gifts when created: eternal life, a perfect character, a wonderful home, and dominion over everything.
 - Sin brought suffering in place of all these gifts.

2. What was the purpose of Christ's death? 1 John 2:25.

-
- Through Christ we will be free from slavery to the devil, and in Him will all things be made new. Isaiah 45:22.

WHAT WILL THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH BE LIKE?

3. How many heavens exist now, according to the Bible? 2 Corinthians 12:2-4.

- The first heaven is the atmosphere around the earth - the air.
- The second heaven is the firmament - the starry sky (Psalms 19:1).
- The third heaven is the throne of God (1 Kings 8:30).

4. What has God prepared for us? 1 Corinthians 2:9.

5. As they contemplated the heavenly home with eyes of faith, what did the believers of the past say as they considered their earthly life? Hebrews 11:13-16.

6. What will the new earth be like? Isaiah 35:1, 2, 6 (second part), 7.

- There will be no vast deserts or huge oceans.
- The whole earth will be a garden of incredible beauty (Isaiah 55:13).
- More beautiful flowers than the most beautiful orchids (Revelation 22:2).
- Delicious fruits that no human being has tried here.
- A more pure and intense greenery than the spring greenery.
- There will be rivers, brooks and lakes of crystal clear beauty.

7. How does prophecy describe the harmony of the animal kingdom? Isaiah 11:6-9; 32:17, 18.

8. What will there not be? Isaiah 33:24; 35:3-6.

9. What will there be in place of sadness? Isaiah 35:9, 10; 65:17-25.

10. Will we work or live in idleness? Isaiah 65:21-23.

11. What will the capital city, the New Jerusalem, be like? Revelation 21:1-5, 10-12.

- a) It will measure 12,000 furlongs (verse 16) or 2,200 km. (550 km. on each side).
- b) It is made of _____, similar to clear glass (verse 18).
- c) The wall has _____ foundations made of precious stones (verses 19, 20).
- d) The 12 doors are made of giant pearls (verse 21).
- e) There will be no night because Christ will be their light (verse 23).
- f) From the throne of God a pure river of crystal clear waters flows and on either side of the river is the tree of life (Revelation 22:1, 2).
- g) We will be with Jesus forever (verses 3, 4).

12. On what day will we gather to worship God? Isaiah 66:22, 23.

13. How do we know that all these promises are true?

- You can trust God's promises. We are not talking about fantasy or fiction but about the promises of a God of love.
- a) The 2,300 prophecies that are fulfilled before our eyes are the guarantee that God does not lie.
- b) The sacrifice on Calvary would be meaningless if this were not true.
- c) When Christ comes; we will be changed into immortal beings (1 Corinthians 15:51-58).

HOW CAN I SECURE A PLACE IN HEAVEN?

14. What should I do in the first place? Acts 16:31.

Accept Christ, through faith, as my personal Savior and Lord of my life.

15. What should I do to have eternal life? What did Jesus teach? Matthew 19:17 (last part).

- a) He that _____ will inherit all things (Revelation 21:7).
- b) There will be no room for transgressors there; only those whose names are written in the book of life will have access to that place (Revelation 21:8, 27).

While the word "do" is used, it should be made clear that this is not the cause, but the effect of salvation. Only the merits of Christ are the basis for our redemption. Our surrender and obedience are our response to God's love, Him whom we have accepted not only as Savior but also as Lord of our lives.

CONCLUSION

- Christ did His part on Calvary. The rest depends on you. "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land" (Isaiah 1:19).
- Now is the time to make a decision and cling to the rock of salvation that is Christ Jesus.
- Accept God's invitation today! (Ephesians 5:14-17).

.....
My decision: I long to take part in that better world.

Yes

No

.....