

The Quest For Character

Part 2:

"Blessed are they who mourn
for they shall be comforted"

Scripture Lesson:

Revelation 21:1-4, 22-27

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- 1. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.*
- 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.*
- 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."*

Revelation 21:1-4, 22-27

- 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.*
- 22. I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.*
- 23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.*

Revelation 21:1-4, 22-27

24. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.

25 On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there.

26 The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it

27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life

I. The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the
right hand of God the Father almighty.

I. The Apostles' Creed

From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

II. Sneak Preview Of Heaven

1. Heaven is a holy city.

"I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God"

2. Our races will retain their identities

Vs.24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.

Vs.26 The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it

II. Sneak Preview Of Heaven

3. The believer shall be as the stars

-Daniel 12:3

4. The believer will be with God

Vs.3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

C.S. Lewis writes,

"We have been mere spectators.

*Beauty has smiled upon us , but not welcomed us;
her face was turned in our direction, but not to
see us. We have not been accepted, welcomed or
taken into the dance...the universe treats us as
strangers."*

What is the Holy Spirit saying
to you through this message?

A suggested prayer to pray

Lord Jesus, I need You.

Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins.

*I open the door of my life
and receive You as my Lord and Savior.*

*Thank You for forgiving my sins
and giving me eternal life.*

*Take control of the throne of my life.
Make me the kind of person You want me to be.*