

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Four Things Missing in Heaven

In Revelation chapters 21 and 22 we read a lengthy and lovely description of heaven. The language is designed to stir our hearts, arouse our interest and to cause us to desire to go there no matter what the cost. But in studying these two chapters it is evident that at least four things are missing in heaven and it is evident they are missing by God's design. God does not want them there! God will not allow them to be there! In fact, by their very nature, it is impossible for them to be in heaven.

### **NO SIN THERE**

First, there is no sin there. Sin has been left for hell. "Nothing unclean or that is an abomination or a lie" is allowed in heaven. Sin has been a curse to the entire human race since Adam and Eve were in the garden. It resulted in the first disobedience to God (Genesis 3) and caused the first murder (Genesis 4) and has been found in the life of every accountable being ever since, except in the life of Jesus Christ, the Sinless One. Sin has cursed our world with all the immoralities man has ever devised. Sin is responsible for all the wars, crimes, abortions, child abuse, pornography, tax evasion and religious error found in our world. Sin is a cruel task master (John 8:44; Romans 6:16-18) and keeps the whole world in bondage (I John 5:19). Thank God sin will be missing in heaven!

### **NO SICKNESS THERE**

Second, there will be no sickness there. Because of the sin of Adam and Eve they were driven from the garden and their bodies began to degenerate and all manner of sickness became endemic to man. The "halt, the maimed, the lame and the blind" are found in all societies of the world. Periodically, one epidemic after another sweeps our land and untold millions die. Some deaths are horribly painful and ugly. Man constantly battles the germs, viruses and illnesses of this world, but ultimately, most of us die from one sickness or another. Thank God no sickness will enter heaven!

### **NO SORROW THERE**

Third, there will be no sorrow there. Just as sin and sickness are common to man, so is sorrow. Happiness in our lives is like a few scattered raindrops on a dusty street, while sorrows of a hundred kinds plague our days. We cry over so much in our world! There are world conditions, personal problems and mental anxieties that wreck their havoc in our lives, bringing sorrow to our hearts. Quite often, to no avail, we simply have to suffer. Thank God there will be no sorrow in heaven!

### **NO SEPARATION THERE**

And finally, there will be no separation ever again. All separations are reserved for life and the judgment. Once heaven is entered, there will be no separation ever again. One of the most disappointing things about life is the constant separations that take place. Some are temporary, some are permanent. Jobs, families, wars and death constantly separate us and are a burden to be borne. But once heaven is entered, no further separations shall ever be known. We do not propose to know how total and complete happiness can be realized in heaven after being separated from family and friends at the judgment, but we trust God who will make it all right. Thank God there will be no separations in heaven!

That heaven is a prepared place for prepared people is taught by God (Jn. 14:1-3; Mt. 25:31-46). Our task is to get ready by obeying the Gospel (Jn. 8:24; Lk. 13:3-5; Jn. 3:3-5; Acts 8:37; 2:38) and living faithfully unto death (Rev. 2:10).

When eternity is ushered in, all the joys and happiness God can provide will be ours. And, thank God four things will be missing in heaven! There will be no sin, sickness, sorrow or separation there.

—Andrew Connally

### ***Prayer Requests***

Amanda Zuniga has requested prayers for her friend, **Glenna**, who is in the early stages of her pregnancy. There's a possibility that Glenna may lose her baby according to a test done recently. She is in need of our prayers.

**Conchida Williams** (Devida's sister) is facing another back surgery to have a spacer put back in place to alleviate the pain in her other leg.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Jazmine Duron's** surgery went well. They are running tests to check her liver and more lymph nodes. She is Linda Tate's granddaughter. Keep Jazz in your daily prayers.

**Charles Simmons** has not made any improvement since being at Madison Health Resort. The family is looking into other options.

### ***Prayer List***

Jack Aaron; Brian Basaldua; Don Blackwell; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Cindy Campbell; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Lavern Couch; Emma Craig; Ronald Dement; Bessie Diaz; Loyce Driver; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Kyle Foshee; Thomas Garcia; Hattie Gilmore; Winford Hambright; Irene Hernandez; Leo Holloway; Letha Hooper; Vertie Howard; Betty Leeth; Jed Martin; Ora McAfee; Krysta McMullen; Jason Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Jr. Munoz; Tanya Nichols; Juanita Orosco; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Debra Shipley; Janelle Shirley; Charles & Susan Simmons; Mark Thompson; Bill & Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Tom Wilcox; Carolyn Wilkerson; John Wood.

### ***Eisenhower's Shut-ins***

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley

### ***Youth***

#### **Bible Quiz Question**

What was the name of the demons in the Gadarene demoniac?

#### **Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...**

It was Barnabas who demonstrated boldness and brought Paul to the apostles.

### ***Events***

Watch "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

### ***Office News***

#### ***JANUARY ATTENDED NURSERY***

01/26/20 - Linda T. & Devida

#### ***New Mailing Address: (until further notice)***

LaDonna Chism, P.O. Box 69393, Odessa, TX 79769

The "New Mexico Children's Home" will be here on March 4th, 2020. They are requesting **Cake Mix and Muffin Mix**. Monetary donations also accepted.

## How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

We sing a hymn titled: “How beautiful heaven must be,” but I wonder how much we really think about that fact. One of the problems we face is that we really know so little about what it is actually like. Most of the descriptive terms concerning it are found in the book of Revelation. And there the Apostle John always prefaces the description with words like this: “It was like unto.” In fact he used this phrase 15 times in the book of Revelation. Literally he was saying, it is so far beyond description I don’t know what to say, but it is kind of like this, and then he puts it into terms with which we can identify.

I read a marvelous little story about heaven that goes like this: “A little girl was visiting her grandparents one evening and admiring the beauty of the sky. She said to her grandparents, “If heaven is so beautiful on the wrong side, I wonder what it looks like on the right side.” (Marilyn McAuley)

It must be important that we understand something about heaven. Heaven or Heavens are mentioned 678 times in the scripture. That’s why the words of the hymn I mentioned are so important to Christians. Notice some of the words:

We read of a place that’s called heaven,  
It’s made for the pure and the free;  
These truths in God’s Word He hath given,  
How beautiful heaven must be.  
In heaven no drooping nor pining,  
No wishing for elsewhere to be;  
God’s light is forever there shining  
How beautiful heaven must be.  
Pure waters of life there are flowing,  
And all who will drink may be free;  
Rare jewels of splendor are glowing,  
How beautiful heaven must be

(Chorus)

How beautiful heaven must be,  
Sweet home of the happy and free;  
Fair haven of rest for the weary,  
How beautiful heaven must be.

How beautiful is it going to be in heaven? We don’t know, even the Apostle Paul could not describe it, but instead wrote these words: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him” (I Corinthians 2:9) This is what we have to look forward to; whatever you can imagine, it’s better than that!

—Russ Lawson

<b>January 26, 2020</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Craig Wesson	Jaxon Straw
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	David Ryan	John Wood
Second Prayer	Richard Siler	Jr. Munoz
Closing Prayer	Kevin Wilcox	Larry May
Lord’s Supper		
(Scripture Reading)	<u>Don Easlon</u>	
West...	Jacob Carson	Tom Sorenson
	Trinidad Wood	Communion
	Oliver Hernandez	(In Library)

East

Josh Weakland

Miguel Lozano

Cody Wesson

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Jeff Wesson 556-5547—*Deacon*: Jr. Munoz 363-1309 — *Pulpit*: Scot Straw 288-4533—  
*Table*: Tom Sorenson 638-9447— *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons*: Tommy Garcia 638-2702 —  
*Collections*: Scot Straw 288-4533

**Sunday AM**

*“Lost Silver”*

*(Luke 15:7-10)*

**Sunday PM**

*“What to Do When We Disagree” (Part 2)*

*(James 4:1)*

**Our Records**

*Bible Class... 65*

*Morning Worship...95*

*Evening Worship...74*

*Wednesday...70*

*Contribution...\$3,766.10*