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## Glimpses of Heaven

About a month ago, I was talking to a pastor on the telephone. In reading a book on heaven, he decided not enough has been said about “our glorious heavenly home.” I was pondering that today and I’m sure he is right.

Over the years, I’ve taught on heaven. Usually, I talk about heaven when teaching on discerning of spirits, a manifestation of the Holy Spirit. This marvelous gift opens our eyes to the heavenly realm. One Monday after teaching on heaven the previous day, a church member’s relative died suddenly. They were so grateful for the great preparation that had been done in their hearts by the Word of God. The teaching on discerning of spirits and heaven had anchored them in their loss. God is so good!

The truth about heaven is a comfort to every Christian. Before my mother died, I had a vision of heaven. I saw her approaching enormous (I mean, beyond description) doors, or gates. Someone was walking with mother and supporting her. When she was approximately thirty feet away, the gates opened and inside the glitter of yellow and gold was magnificent. In the right-hand corner, the gold reflected on the horizon as if

magnified by a multitude of mirrors. Perhaps, it was the heavenly city. I don’t know.

I prayed about this vision for some weeks because I perceived there was something I should know or remember. One day it was ultimately clear when an inward voice said “Those gates opened from the inside out.” What a joy! Our Father in heaven was watching for his beloved child. When mother approached her eternal home, the gates opened before her.

Many people throughout history have had glimpses of heaven. When anyone sees beyond the realm of earth, beyond the limits of natural sight, this is “discerning of spirits.” Most teaching on this manifestation emphasizes demonic spirits. This is certainly included, but for a moment

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I only want us to journey into heavenly places with our God and His angels.

One of the most powerful visions of heaven is given by the Prophet Isaiah. His testimony prompts us to visualize the throne of God and hear the voices of the seraphim. Certainly, he saw much farther than earthly vision makes possible. Our heart bows in awe and reverence when he declares, “I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.”<sup>1</sup> And again he says, “For mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.”<sup>2</sup> Can you imagine?

The Prophet Ezekiel also saw into the realm of heaven. He proclaims, “The heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.”<sup>3</sup> He describes four living creatures whose “appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps.”<sup>4</sup> Their feet “sparkled like the colour of burnished brass.”<sup>5</sup> Graphically, he depicts the throne of heaven, God upon the throne, and the glory of the Lord. He declares, “I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire... and it had brightness round about.”<sup>6</sup> (For just a moment, I too saw those golden hues.)

In the book of Revelation, the Apostle John transports us to heaven. I love the visual impact when he describes our Lord. He saw Him clothed in “a golden girdle”, with hair “white like wool”, eyes “as a flame of fire”, and “feet like unto fine brass”.<sup>7</sup> When the Lord spoke, His voice was “as the sound of many waters”.<sup>8</sup> This manifestation of discerning of spirits caused the Apostle John to fall at our Lord’s feet “as dead”.<sup>9</sup>

The Apostle John further describes the sights and sounds of heaven’s immeasurable glory. With him, we hear the “great voice, as of a trumpet”<sup>10</sup> and “the noise of thunder”.<sup>11</sup> Our eyes envision heaven’s glorious colors. There is a vast rainbow of color as well as many hues of yellow and gold. We see the magnificence of

God’s city sparkling with many precious jewels.<sup>12</sup> The grandeur of our heavenly home is overwhelming. But God’s wonderful provision for His children is not the center of our attention. The cry of our heart is the presence of God.

The Revelation of John declares, “God himself shall be with them, and be their God.”<sup>13</sup> This is our greatest desire. Oh, it is wonderful that when we see God He will wipe away all tears. We celebrate the absence of death, sorrow, crying and pain. But the longing of our spirit is to see Him and worship Him. We want to join the four beasts that “rest not day and night, saying, ‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.’”<sup>14</sup>

We want to bow with the twenty-four elders and declare, “Thou are worthy, O Lord.”<sup>15</sup> Surely, it cannot be very long until we will meet Jesus in the air and live with Him forever. With the Apostle John, we boldly confess, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”<sup>16</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Isaiah 6:1

<sup>2</sup> Isaiah 6:5

<sup>3</sup> Ezekiel 1:1

<sup>4</sup> Ezekiel 1:13

<sup>5</sup> Ezekiel 1:7

<sup>6</sup> Ezekiel 1:27

<sup>7</sup> Revelation 1:13-15

<sup>8</sup> Revelation 1:15

<sup>9</sup> Revelation 1:17

<sup>10</sup> Revelation 1:10

<sup>11</sup> Revelation 6:1

<sup>12</sup> Revelation 21:19-21

<sup>13</sup> Revelation 21:3

<sup>14</sup> Revelation 4:8

<sup>15</sup> Revelation 4:11

<sup>16</sup> Revelation 22:20

## HEAVEN IS A PLACE OF...

### Comfort

Luke 16:25  
Revelation 21:4

### Abundance

John 14:2

### Righteousness

2 Peter 3:13

### Service

Revelation 22:3

### Joy

Luke 15:7  
Psalm 16:11

### Glory

Psalm 73:24

### Paradise

Luke 23:43  
Revelation 2:7

### Rest

Revelation 14:13

### Purity

Revelation 21:27

