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What Happens at Death?

James 4:13-17

Since life on earth is short, what will _____ to us when we die? God doesn't answer _____ question we can ask, but God does give us everything we _____ to know, everything that pertains to life and godliness (Deuteronomy 29:29). If we wish to live with God eternally, we can do nothing more valuable than to _____ God's Word.

No one likes to _____ about death or even _____ about it, yet death is a topic that we can't avoid. Hebrews 9:27 says, "...it is appointed for men to _____ once and after this comes _____." From our earliest days we've heard of judgment, _____ and _____. We know something exists _____ this life, but we don't always know what. Movies and television stimulate our imagination, but they only provide someone's _____ about what lies beyond. We want to know what _____ says will happen when we die. And that's why we go to God's inspired Word for _____. Life is _____, and death is _____. Even if we're young and healthy, we can't _____ reality. Our death will either open the _____ to the most wonderful experience we've ever enjoyed or the worst experience anyone could have. God wants to _____ us, and the Bible gives us the information that we need to _____ that blessing.

Today's Scripture reading comes from the epistle of James 4:13-17.

The word "death" occurs over _____ times in the Old Testament and _____ times in the New Testament. Physical death separates the _____ from the _____. Spiritual death separates people from _____ and His blessing. We grieve when we lose our loved ones, because we _____ that we can't be with them ever again in this life. The good news is that while death is a separation, it's not the _____ of our existence. When David and Bathsheba's first child died, David said in 2 Samuel 12:23, "I will _____ to him, but he will not _____ to me." We _____ will one day die. The Bible describes death in James 2:26, "For as the _____ apart from the _____ is dead, so also _____ apart from _____ is dead." The body is dead, but we're something _____ than body. We are _____ and _____. The body dies, but the spirit still _____. Ecclesiastes 12:7 says, "the dust returns to the _____ as it was, and the spirit returns to _____ who gave it." Death is that time when our spirits _____ to God who made us. God is the _____ of spirits (Hebrews 12:9). Our spirit is not _____ or material, and it's not _____ to death.

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On the cross, Jesus told the thief, “Truly, I say to you, _____ you will be with me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43). The Lord clearly says we’ll survive and be conscious _____ this life. The Lord expected to _____ the thief in Paradise. There is an inner spirit in us that _____ death and is conscious. Life here and now is not all there is.

The Bible says, it’s _____ for us to die, and then comes judgment. The _____, especially speaking of judgment, is frightening. We worry whether our life after this life is over will be one of _____. **Read Matthew 7:13-14.** This passage surprises many people who think nearly _____ will be saved and only a _____ of the worst will be lost. But that’s not what _____ says. We must _____ the afterlife. We must consider _____ we live, because how we live will determine _____ we spend eternity. What are we saved ____? The shed _____ of Jesus Christ, of course. What are we saved _____? We’re saved from the penalty of _____. **Read what Jesus warned in Matthew 5:29-30.**

Read: The Lord Jesus gives us a glimpse of what happens after death in Luke 16:19-31.

Many think this story is a parable and for that _____ shouldn’t be taken seriously. When Jesus uses a figure of speech like a parable, He does so to emphasize a _____, not to trivialize it. If this is a parable, it’s certainly _____ from any other parable. Most parables talk about a certain man, but this particular story mentions the name Lazarus, and mentions the name Abraham – _____ people and it gives their names. For that reason some _____ it’s an illustration story rather than a parable. But however one takes this story, there are _____ different destinies awaiting people after they die. One destiny is filled with _____ and the other with _____. Lazarus and the rich man both _____ where they were. Both could _____ conversations and could reason. Both could _____ the lives that they lived back on earth.

Sometimes the Bible speaks of death as “_____.” This is likely because the body after death _____ to be sleeping. This, however, does not _____ that our spirits are unconscious or in a stupor. Moses and Elijah, though they had been _____ for many centuries, had a conversation with the Lord Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-5). Death happens to the body, but death does not _____ our spirits unconscious.

The lives that we live here, and whether we’re _____ with the Lord or not, will determine our _____ destiny. This illustration story of Lazarus and the rich man opens our eyes to what _____ when our spirits leave this world. After we die, the angels will come for us



to take us to the _____ that God has assigned for us. This may be a place of _____ or a place of _____.

Scripture uses the word “Hades” to _____ that unseen place where the disembodied spirits of dead people go. “Hades” literally means “_____.” The word “Hades” should not be _____ with the word “Hell.” Hades is a _____ place, where spirits that have no bodies reside until Judgment Day; but hell is _____, and it’s the place where our resurrected bodies will go. No one will enter heaven or hell until _____ the resurrection. Hades is the place where only _____ of dead people reside. In the resurrection, our spirits will return to the earth and be joined to new, imperishable _____. Death is the _____ of the body and spirit. Resurrection takes place when our spirits are _____ with a changed, imperishable body.

While Hades usually refers to that place of torment, the word can also refer to the entire realm, which has _____ a place of torment and a place of comfort. In Acts 2:27 the apostle Peter _____ David’s prophecy in Psalm 16:10 about the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus’ _____ was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh suffer decay. When Jesus died, his soul, that inner spirit, went to _____. That’s what He told the _____ on the cross (Luke 23:43). So we _____ that His soul went there. Paradise, of course, is a place of _____. The word Paradise is used _____ times in Scripture, and each time it refers to the heavenly realm where the righteous go after _____. Paradise is equated with the third heaven, that is the place where _____ himself dwells (2 Corinthians 12:2-4). Jesus went to that unseen place of righteous spirits when He went to Paradise, and Paul went there at least for a _____ of time whether in the body or out of the body he said he didn’t know. In Revelation 2:7, the Paradise of God is where the _____ of life is. If Jesus’ soul was not abandoned to Hades but He went to Paradise, then Hades must _____ a place where the righteous souls are comforted as well as the place of torment.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:6-9. The apostle Paul also _____ us to understand that we will have an existence in spirit _____ after we die and until the resurrection. He says that when the righteous die they will go to be _____ the Lord Jesus. **Read what Paul said in Philippians 1:21-23.** Paul said he would _____ and be “_____ Christ” when he died. This is the Christian _____, to live with our Lord Jesus forever and ever. **Read of the reassurance given in Romans 14:7-9.** We may die physically, but not even death can _____ us from the



_____ of our Lord Jesus, according to Romans 8. When Christians die, they _____ to be _____ Him that very day. But when _____ people die, the angels take them to the place of torment.

This is why, we must be _____ spiritually. No one _____ can do that for us. The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:10, "For we must all (you and me and everybody) must _____ before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may _____ what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil." The saved in Christ go to judgment with the _____ of Jesus and they have their _____ recorded in the Lamb's book of life. They can face the afterlife with _____ that they have an eternal home with the Lord. But the unbeliever and the impenitent person has no such _____. We must all _____ God on our own.

God doesn't want any person to be _____ – He wants everyone to be _____. He wouldn't have _____ Jesus to die on a cross, if He were looking to condemn you, or anybody else. He wanted to save _____. But God is not going to _____ people do what's right. God has prepared the _____ for our salvation in the _____ of His beloved Son, Jesus. The Bible says by His _____ you are saved. But grace as a gift must be received by _____ and _____. We don't _____ our salvation, but God has determined that those who receive His gift are those who _____ His conditions. **Read what the Bible says in Hebrews 5:8-9.** Our gift is ready for us if we will _____, _____, and we're _____. Have you _____ for the life that comes after death? We don't want to be like the five foolish virgins, who _____ to buy the oil needed for their lamps. They _____ to the dealers to buy oil; and while they were gone, the bridegroom came. The door was _____, and they were not allowed in (Matthew 25:1-14). We must prepare now _____ the time is up.

Don't waste your opportunity to get _____ with God; once life is over, there is no second _____. Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the _____ and knock. And if anyone hears my voice and _____ the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20). We can _____ our car, our house, our health, or our life and _____ go to heaven. But if we lose our soul, we've lost _____. Make the _____ important commitment that you'll ever make, that of _____ yourself to the Lord by obeying the gospel. Believe in the Lord Jesus as the _____, the Son of God. Repent of every _____. Confess the _____ of Jesus, and be baptized in _____ in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And when you're baptized, the Bible says in Acts 22:16 that your sins will be _____ away. The Lord will _____ you to His church, and you'll be a son of God with eternal life.



The Second Coming **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

The Lord Jesus _____ to return to earth someday, but no one knows when. People are fascinated by the end times but can easily be _____. It hasn't been long since everyone focused on Y2K, and believed a _____ disaster would happen. Dire predictions that frightened everyone _____ took place. Now folks are focused on 2012 with predictions of calamities and _____ destruction. They cite the ancient Mayan calendar, astrologers, psychics, and even some people who think the _____ says 2012 is the year. Just last year a radio preacher said that he was _____ that the rapture would take place on May 21st and the end of the world on October 21st. Neither happened, and he proved to be a _____ prophet. False teaching ends up causing _____ in the truth and it hurts the cause of Christ. What can we _____ about the second coming of Jesus Christ? While most Christians believe it will happen, there is a lot of _____ about signs and times that _____ and needlessly frighten people. We're not interested in religious hoopla. We want to take the time to look into the Scripture for the _____.

Our reading today comes from 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6. Here the Bible encourages us to really _____ seriously about the coming of the Lord.

Many people _____ to be prophets today, but are they? **Read where the Bible gives the test of a prophet in Deuteronomy 18:21-22.** Jeremiah spoke of prophets in his day that were always _____ to speak in the name of the Lord. **Read what Jeremiah said in Jeremiah 23:16 and 32.** So-called prophets who falsely predict when Christ will come with the end of the world cause people to _____ anything religious, even the Truth that comes from God's Word. They make people think God's Word is not _____ because their prophecy turned out to be false. One religious group predicted 1975 would be the end of the world; there is a _____ entitled, "88 Reasons Why the Lord Will Come in 1988." But the Lord _____ come then either. Twenty percent of Americans _____ the Lord will come in our lifetime, but nobody really knows.

While we cannot believe false predictions, we can be _____ that the Lord Jesus is coming, because the Lord _____ us that He would. The Lord always _____ His promises. **Read what He said in John 14:1-3.** Jesus never _____. He will come again to take us _____ with Him to heaven. The Lord Jesus is coming a second time and He will come to _____ those who love Him. **Read what the Bible says in Hebrews 9:27-28.** Each Lord's Day, Christians _____ of the Lord's Supper in remembrance of what Jesus did on the cross and in anticipation of His _____ (1 Corinthians 11:26).

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There's a great deal of discussion as to _____ the Lord will come. **Read what the Lord Jesus himself discussed in Matthew 24:35-39.** As stated earlier, last year a man _____ predicted the rapture on May 21 and the end of the world on October 21, 2011. When those events didn't happen, a devoted follower of his said the Bible is _____. God's Word actually proved _____, while the human prediction of that false prophet proved _____ both times. Let's _____ the Bible. No one knows _____ the Lord will come a second time and the world will end (Mark 13:32). God has not revealed something to man today that the Father has not _____ revealed to the Son. The Lord Jesus told the apostles in Acts 1:7, in answer to a similar question, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has _____ by His own authority." Based on today's text, one thing we do know is that God hasn't revealed _____ the Lord Jesus will return. Just as we don't know when a _____ will break into our homes, we don't know when the Lord Jesus will return. To say that we do know _____ that the Word of God is not in us.

So... What will _____ when He comes again? The first evidence of His coming will be a _____ and a _____ (1 Thessalonians 4:16). A shout and a trumpet will _____ people's attention to the arrival of the Lord Jesus. No one will doubt what is _____ to happen. How will Jesus _____ to us? He will come in the _____ in great glory. **Read what the Bible tells us of the Lord's ascension into heaven in Acts 1:9-11.** The Lord Jesus will one day appear in _____ with his mighty angels in the clouds. Every person will _____ the Lord Jesus on that day (Revelation 1:7). Every person will know He is _____, that He is in _____, that He is the _____. On that day every knee will _____ and every tongue will _____ that Jesus is Lord to the glory of the Father.

When the Lord comes again He will bring back with Him the _____ of those who have died. **Read what the Bible says in 1 Thessalonians 4:14-16.** The departed spirits of the righteous dead will come back to earth to be _____. The raising up of the righteous spirits means they will have _____ bodies. There will be more about the resurrection next week. But we should not think that _____ the righteous will be raised on the last day; _____ the dead will be raised. **Read what the Lord Jesus himself said in John 5:28-29.** The apostle Paul said in Acts 24:15, "there shall certainly be a resurrection of _____ the righteous and the wicked." One's not going to be in one _____ and the other in another century. One's not going to be in one _____ and then seven years later another. It's all going to happen at the _____ time – the resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.



Those who are alive when the Lord returns are going to be _____. In the resurrection their bodies will be glorified like the body of _____. They will have imperishable and immortal bodies. At that point the Lord will cause them to be caught up in the _____ (1 Thessalonians 4:17). **Read what the Bible says in Philippians 3:20-21.** One of these days we'll have a _____, glorified body that is preparing us for a life in _____.

You might hear the word "_____" once in a while to speak of this taking up of those in Christ who are resurrected and those who are alive. The word "rapture" comes from the _____ term "rapio" and it's used to translate the concept of being "caught up" to meet the Lord. Some say the rapture happens much _____ than the general resurrection, because 1 Thessalonians does not address the resurrection of the wicked. But as we have seen, the Lord said that the resurrection of the _____ and the _____ will happen on the same day (John 5:28-29).

When Jesus comes again, the earth and its works will be _____ up. **Read 2 Peter 3:7 and 10-13.** Words such as "fire," "intense heat," and "destroyed" clearly show that the _____ heavens and earth will not be our dwelling place throughout eternity. The elements refer to those elementary things of which this natural _____ is made. These elements will be _____ by burning. First John 2:17 simply says that this world is _____ away. It's foolish to get so wrapped up in this world and to _____ that there's more _____. The Lord Jesus is coming back one day for His _____. Those whose robes are washed white in the _____ of Jesus and whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life will live with Him forever and ever. Nothing is more _____ than being right with the Lord Jesus Christ, and having our robes white in the blood of the Lamb.

Because the Lord will return like a thief in the night and we don't know _____, we have to be _____ for His coming all the time. If you're not right with the Lord, _____ Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Repent and turn from your _____, and let the Lord _____ your life. And upon confession of your faith, be _____ in His name. Baptism into Christ means being baptized into His _____ (Romans 6:3), and it brings us into contact with His blood; it _____ us with Him in His burial and resurrection; and it frees us from sin according to Romans 6:4-7. And that's why we say to you, "Don't wait, don't wait, obey the Lord today!"



The Resurrection 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Job asked, "If a man _____, will he _____ again?" You may be _____ that question, too. The Word of God is the only book that can give us the _____ answer to the most pressing questions of life, that is: Where did we come from? Why are we here? And what will _____ to us after we die? The Scriptures tell us God _____ us after His own image so that we might _____ Him. The Scriptures are such a _____.

Job asks an _____ question, "If a man dies, will he live again?" From our physical _____, we can't answer that question. We don't have any modern _____ of someone who has died and has been buried coming back to life, so it's only _____ for us to ask if there is life after death. We do, however, have a record of the resurrection of the ____ _____. The apostles and many others were certainly _____ of the resurrection. They believed so strongly in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, they were _____ to give their lives and suffer death in order to _____ the story throughout the world. The resurrection of Jesus demonstrates God's _____ to raise the dead. The Scriptures reveal God's eternal _____ to raise us up on the last day and take us _____ to heaven. That's a message of great _____ to Christians. **Read what the Lord Jesus said in John 6:39-40.**

Today's reading today comes from 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. This is a very _____ reading from God's Holy Word.

When you ask people about what happens after death, you'll get _____ answers. Some think death is the _____, and a person will cease to exist. Some say the righteous will _____ on while the unrighteous will _____ to exist. Others _____ that we'll be repeatedly reincarnated in different life forms on earth. The Bible says in Hebrews 9:27 that we suffer death _____, and after this comes _____. Even in the New Testament, the Sadducees and the Pharisees _____ over whether there would be a resurrection. The Bible is not just _____ voice among _____; it speaks the truth from God and with authority. We can _____ the Bible. The Lord Jesus once had a _____ with the Sadducees about the resurrection. Let's begin our study of the resurrection with that discussion. **Read what the Bible says in Matthew 22:23-32.** This passage helps us _____ that life does go on after death. The body dies but the _____ of a man continues to exist in conscious form. The Old Testament prophet Daniel _____ in the resurrection. He said by inspiration in



Daniel 12:2 that, “Many of those who _____ in the dust of the ground will _____, these (that is the faithful whose names are in the book of life) to everlasting life, but the others, they will rise to disgrace and everlasting contempt.” The Bible presents the resurrection as _____ event, not _____. Both the righteous and the wicked will arise one day. **Read what the Lord Jesus said in John 5:25-29.** At the end time, when Jesus comes again, He will call _____ who are in the tombs to come forth. That’s everyone from every _____ in every _____. No one will be _____ out. All will come out of the grave in _____ to the call of Jesus Christ. He will then _____ all men. We know there is but one _____ resurrection of all people. Paul said at his trial at Caesarea, “there shall certainly be a resurrection of _____ the righteous and the wicked” (Acts 24:15).

For those who _____ God and _____ Him faithfully, belief in the resurrection is a great _____ and a great _____. Most of us have probably spent _____ at funeral homes and cemeteries. We have watched families _____ as they lowered the casket of a dearly loved one into the ground or placed it in a mausoleum. Nothing could bring _____ that loved one, but knowing that there is a resurrection helped _____ them. We can be confident of the resurrection because we _____ the Lord never lies, and we can _____ every word from His mouth.

Read John 11:23-26 where Jesus went to Bethany to meet with the sisters of Lazarus, Mary and Martha. They were grieving over the _____ of Lazarus. Jesus wept with the two sisters and He _____ Lazarus back to life. In spite of the fact that he had been in the tomb for _____ days Lazarus did come back to life. Everyone who was there _____ the miracle and _____ it had happened. Even the enemies of Jesus believed in His _____ to raise the dead (John 11:47-48).

The Bible reveals that in the resurrection our bodies will _____. We die with flesh and blood, but we won’t live throughout _____ in a body like we have now. Our bodies will be changed from this _____ body to a _____ body that is glorified and immortal. **Read what the Bible says in 1 Corinthians 15:50-57.** This fleshly body is _____ to death, but the body that we’ll have in the resurrection _____ die. The body that we put into the _____ will not be like the body that we’ll have once God has raised us up and _____ us. This body today is _____ and subject to illness and death. That body will _____ have the weaknesses this body has. In the resurrection, our bodies will be glorified _____



the body of the Lord Jesus. We won't _____ from a deteriorating body. **Read God's promise in 1 John 3:2.** Our bodies will be spiritual and _____. We'll be able to _____ the greatness and the grandeur of our God, because we'll be changed. And this will enable us to _____ and _____ things in the spiritual and heavenly realm that we'll never be able to see in this life.

It's easy for us to get so _____ up in this life, that we _____ that we have our permanent home in heaven. In baptism we _____ with Christ and we're _____ up with Him to walk in newness of life as children of God. One day Christ is coming _____ for us to take us _____. **Read what the Bible says in Colossians 3:1-4.** When we're baptized into Christ, we become _____ with Him in His burial and His resurrection. At baptism we become children of God and have _____ of life. At baptism, our _____ are recorded in the book of life. And this _____ us for the last day when Jesus comes again and our bodies will be raised imperishable and we receive immortality. God _____ us citizenship in heaven in this life, but we will not _____ that home that He has prepared for us until the resurrection of the body. **Read what Paul wrote in Philippians 3:20-21.** Our citizenship is in heaven; and the resurrection _____ our body to live in eternity.

Read how the Lord Jesus described life in heaven in Luke 20:34-36. Many things will _____ in the resurrection. We will be like the _____, praising and serving God forever and ever. That means we must so live that God may consider us _____ to attain to the resurrection. We are saved by _____ through _____. The blood of Jesus _____ for us this great opportunity. In Philippians 3, Paul longed to _____ Christ and the _____ of his resurrection. The Bible gives us a _____ of a resurrection (Romans 8:11). Since the resurrection will _____ either to life or to judgment, we should _____ life and blessing. The Lord will _____ again; He will _____ us up from the grave, and _____ us new bodies. **Read what the Bible says in 1 John 3:2-3.** Where is your _____? Are you _____ and _____ with God? Are your _____ forgiven? First Peter 1:22 tells us that as we purify our souls through our _____ to the truth that we become right with God. Have you _____ the gospel? Have you remained _____ to the Lord? We obey the _____ through faith and repentance. And upon the confession of our _____, we're baptized into Jesus Christ and His death. At that time His blood cleanses us from sin and causes us to be _____ again to newness of life according to Romans 6:3-7.



THE JUDGMENT

Revelation 20:11-15

When Jesus comes again, we'll _____ gather before the judgment _____ of Christ. What will _____ there? We will explore what the _____ says about the Judgment Day. Of all the books that you might study, _____ is more crucial to your _____ than the Bible. It alone has the Lord's _____ of eternal life. It contains the spiritual criteria by which your soul will one day be _____. We cannot afford not to _____ what God's Word actually says. Beyond this, no book is more filled with _____; no book has more _____ counsel; and no book gives greater _____ than the Bible.

Many grew up _____ Perry Mason on television. As a defense attorney Mason nearly always demonstrated there was a reasonable _____ about his client's guilt. Usually the judge dismissed the _____ because someone else was exposed as guilty, or the jury had such doubt they found the defendant not guilty. It was exciting _____, and it was all over in one hour. The Bible, however, describes the Judgment Day very _____. The Lord _____ all things. He already knows those who _____ Him and have their names written in the book of life. He also knows those who have _____ Him and followed their own path. And he'll separate the _____ on His right from the _____ on His left. The Judgment Day is not so much a day of _____ as it is a day of sentencing or rewarding. Some will enter their _____ in the heavenly city, while others are taken _____ from God forever. We don't want such an _____ day as the Day of Judgment to arrive and catch us unprepared.

Today's reading comes from the book of Revelation chapter 20:11-15.

We need to pay close attention to this reading, because it _____ what will happen to you and me on Judgment Day. No matter _____ we are, _____ we've lived, _____ we have lived, _____ language you spoke, or _____ important we are, we'll be _____ before the great white throne. The Lord will _____ us on that day. The _____ and the _____ will all be accountable to God. Those who _____ and were resurrected at the second coming will be there, _____ the righteous and the unrighteous. The sea will deliver up its dead. Death and Hades will _____ up their dead. Those whose names are _____ the Lamb's book of life and those whose names are _____ found in the book of life will be there. Some present will try to _____ out of fear, but there's no _____ for them to go. We cannot _____ our appointment with the Lord Jesus on Judgment Day (2 Corinthians 5:10). How

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we've lived our lives here on this earth will _____ how the Lord will recompense us for eternity.

On the last day, the Day of Judgment, we will be judged by the _____ of Jesus. We will be judged by those things _____ in the open books; and we'll be judged according to our _____ (John 12:48). The Day of Judgment is also called the _____ day, because there will be no other days after it. It's the _____ of this age and the _____ of the age to come. We will _____ be judged by councils or creeds. Popular _____ will not decide what is moral or what pleases God. The Lord Jesus will not take any opinion _____ or ask any talk show hosts or experts what to do. What Jesus said and what's recorded in His books will be the _____ and _____ basis of authority to determine our eternal destiny. The Lord Jesus will sit on that great white _____ as our _____ on that day. **Read what Paul said in Acts 17:30-31.** Just as surely as Jesus _____ from the dead, so we can be _____ there will be a second coming and a Day of Judgment.

We're _____ the Lord Jesus will judge us. The Bible says He is a _____ judge in 2 Timothy 4:8. He loved us _____ to die upon the cross for our sins. He has been our _____ with the Father according to 1 Timothy 2:5; and He has been our _____ (1 John 2:1). The Lord Jesus is full of _____ and He will exercise that mercy to the full extent that it's consistent with His perfect justice and truth. And since He lived on earth as a _____, He has _____ sympathy and understanding of our weaknesses and frailties as human beings. He will do what is _____ on that day. We can trust that!

On the Day of Judgment the Lord will judge us _____ (Romans 14:12). No one can _____ for us, or _____ for us, or _____ the gospel for us. God will hold us personally responsible for the _____ that we committed and for the good things that we _____ to do (Matthew 16:27). We often judge _____ people for their sins and ignore our _____. Sometimes people suppose God will condemn others for their sins but they _____ all about their own sins. **Read what Paul said in Romans 2:1-2.** Sin is still sin, no matter _____ commits it; and God will apply the _____ standard to every individual. On that day the Lord will judge _____ one, and He will do it impartially. He won't _____ favorites. **Read what Romans 2:6-11 says.** God will judge us on the _____ of faith, not out of prejudice.



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The Lord will judge us _____ and righteously. There won't be anything _____ from His sight. **Read what the Bible says in Hebrews 4:12-13.** When we stand before the Lord Jesus and His Word is opened, He will judge you _____ and _____. We might be able to _____ things in this life, but all will be laid _____ to the eyes of God in the next life.

First, we need to know that the Lord will judge us by our _____ and _____. Our _____ can be so deceptive. What we think in our hearts often leads to actions in our lives. And this is why willfully thinking sin is just as bad as acting on it. **Read what the Lord Jesus said in Matthew 15:19 and 5:27-28.** Jesus _____ what's in our hearts (John 2:24-25). If we are contemplating something evil in our hearts we need to _____ that God knows our hearts (Romans 2:16; Proverbs 21:2). The Lord knows the _____ reasons that we do what we do, whether we're sincere. And each of us _____ to be like David. **Read what David said to God in Psalm 139:23-24.** If God looked into our hearts, _____ would He see there? Would He see _____ in us or would He see _____ in us?

Second, the Lord will judge us by how we _____. **Read what the Lord Jesus said in Matthew 12:34-37.** A careless word is a worthless or idle comment made by an _____ person. And people don't realize how _____ their words can be. Idle words may be _____ or lies; they may be _____ grumbling and complaining. These careless words may be _____ criticisms, or name calling, or slander. They may be words of hatefulness and _____. They may be _____ talk (Ephesians 4:29). We will have to give an _____ to God one day for how we speak (Proverbs 18:21).

Third, we'll be judged by our _____ (Proverbs 15:3). God sees _____ we do, even if no one else sees it (2 Corinthians 5:10). The Lord Jesus said in Revelation 2:23, "I am He who _____ the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you _____ to your deeds." Our _____ matter! **Read what Romans 8:12-13 says.** If we allow our sinful passions to _____ us, we'll lose our souls. We must _____ from sinful behavior and _____ godly lives (Galatians 6:7-8). How we _____ other people matters. If we wish to be forgiven, we _____ forgive others. **Read what the Lord Jesus said in Matthew 6:14-15.** The Bible teaches in 1 John 4:20 that we can't claim to _____ God if we _____ our brother. Loving God means _____ to love and to forgive others. We can't let our _____ come between us and our God. Being _____ to others matters. In Matthew 25:31-46 the Lord Jesus _____ the sheep from the goats on the basis of their _____. The sheep fed and clothed the _____; they visited the _____ and those in prison. But the

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goats _____ their needs. The Lord said in verse 46 that, “These (that is the goats) will go away into eternal _____, but the righteous into eternal _____.”

When the Lord Jesus passes judgment on our _____, we too will either enter into eternal life or be taken away into eternal punishment. No event has _____ consequences than this one. Eternity has no _____. Once judgment is passed, there is no second _____ and no _____. Whether we live in the _____ of God in this life will determine our eternal destiny. If the Judgment Day came today would you be _____ with God according to the Scriptures? The Lord Jesus died on the cross for you, but has His _____ washed you free from sin?

Someone says, “Well, surely God is too _____ to punish anyone in the lake of fire.” If God let sinful people go unpunished, He would certainly be an _____ and an _____ God. Habakkuk 1:13 says of God that, “Your eyes are too _____ to approve evil, And You cannot look on wickedness with _____.”

Read what the apostle Peter says in 2 Peter 2:4-9. If God condemned angels when they _____, if He did not spare the ancient world when He brought a flood upon the world of the _____, and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah for their ungodliness, “then the Lord knows how to _____ the godly from temptation, and to _____ the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment.”

Peter also says that God does not _____ “any to perish but for all to come to _____” (2 Peter 3:9). It breaks God’s heart to see the wicked _____ (Ezekiel 18:23). God doesn’t _____ to condemn you, but for you to repent. You must be _____ for the judgment day. To become a Christian, _____ Jesus is the Son of God, _____ of your sins, _____ Jesus as Lord and Christ, and be _____ into Christ. Baptism is an immersion in water in the name of Jesus for the _____ of your sins (Acts 2:38). And when you’re baptized, your sins will be _____ away; the Lord will add you to His _____ (Acts 2:47 and Acts 22:16). And once you become a Christian, stay _____! Love God and serve Him for the _____ of your life.



Heaven

Hebrews 11:13-16

Heaven. The very word causes us to _____ joy and peace and love. God gives us real _____ in His Word, the Bible. He doesn't tease us with empty _____ or give us false _____. God tells us what we most need to know to _____ the best life on earth and to _____ an inheritance in heaven. The life that we have in _____ here on earth is indeed an abundant life, and nothing could be sweeter than spending an eternity in heaven with _____, our Father. **Read what the Bible says in 1 Peter 1:3-5.** We're _____ in this life to a living hope. Our hope is our inheritance in heaven, an inheritance that will never _____, never be _____, and never _____ away. Our inheritance in heaven is reserved especially for us by the _____ of God. God will _____ that inheritance to us at the last day when the Lord Jesus returns to take us _____ with Him. Heaven is eternal, blessed, pure, and _____ with joy and love. God will _____ us to that home that He _____ for us in the most lavish and wonderful way. Heaven! What a _____!

Our reading today comes from Hebrews 11:13-16.

Jesus is eagerly _____ for the day that He brings us home! God, our Father, _____ for His children to come home and live with Him forever. Glorious and marvelous describe the _____ when God's children come home to heaven. **Read what the Lord Jesus said shortly before His death in John 14:1-3.** Jesus is now preparing our _____. It's greater and grander than _____ we've known in this life. **Read what the Bible says in Ephesians 2:4-7.** We can't _____ how great, how glorious, how majestic, and how wonderful our home in heaven will be. **Read what Jesus said to the apostles when they got excited about miracles – Luke 10:19-20.** No blessing, no event can _____ with the joy we'll have in heaven! Heaven is a grand place, but the _____ of heaven isn't the physical place. It's _____ and His _____! Heaven is where the _____ go. Heaven is precious because of _____ is there! All of God's people will be in heaven, all of the righteous, and everyone whose _____ is written in the Lamb's book of life.

We want to go to heaven just to _____ God, our Father, who created us and blessed us every day of our lives. Just to be in His _____ will be a great blessing. We get to _____ the One who _____ the universe and the One who _____ our every prayer. We want to _____ Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We want to _____ Him face to face, "Thank You for bearing the _____ to atone for our _____. Thank you for investing your _____ to redeem

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our _____.” We want to _____ the Holy Spirit. Our bodies have been the _____ of the Holy Spirit, and we want to know more about Him. We want to see the myriads of myriads of _____, the cherubim and the seraphim. We want to visit with those we’ve _____ about in the Bible: people like Enoch and Noah, Abraham and Moses, David, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, or Peter and Andrew, James and John, Stephen, Paul, Timothy, Esther, Ruth, Mary, Mary Magdalene, Dorcas, and so many others. We want to _____ our Christian loved ones, our families, our teachers, and our friends. We want to _____ the innocent who died as infants and small children. Heaven is going to be _____ of glory. The Bible says in Revelation 21:24, “By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their _____ into it.”

We’ll be surprised at who’s in heaven, for God’s _____ is wondrous. But we’ll also be surprised at who is not there, for people have secret _____. But whoever is there, we want to _____ them. The Bible says that the leaves on the tree of life are for the “_____” of the nations (Revelation 22:2). We all _____ healing. Whatever pain or hurt or bitterness that we have known in this life will be _____ in the next life. God will _____ all the things that cause us anguish or frustration. **Read what the Bible says in Revelation 21:4-5.** God is giving us a _____ paradise, a place where every _____ is met and every _____ erased. It will be a place devoted to utter joy and _____ to God. We want a _____ like that!

Peter said in 1 Peter 1:4 that we’ll _____ an inheritance “that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.” Houses may burn or be destroyed by a disaster here, but our _____ in heaven is indestructible. We have to _____ clean and repair our houses here, but that dwelling place will _____ have a defect or a flaw. It will never be _____. Things fade and wither here on earth, but they will be forever _____ in heaven. Heaven will be a _____ of refuge, a sanctuary. **Read what Revelation 22:1-5 says.** This life is full of _____, but heaven will have _____ trouble. Here we _____ crime, war, disease, death, immorality, and lies. But we’ll be _____ from that in heaven. Here we can _____ pain and suffering. We’re imperfect people living in an imperfect world, but heaven is _____.

People who are selfish, or cruel, or dishonest, or immoral _____ trouble us in heaven (Revelation 21:8). We’ll remain _____ from crime and sin and temptation. **Read what the Bible says in Revelation 21:2-4.** Heaven doesn’t need a _____ or a funeral _____. We won’t need _____ or a _____ department. We won’t have to _____ about tornadoes or earthquakes.



What will we do? We'll _____ in heaven, singing and praising God eternally. Being able to sing with myriads of myriads of angels about the _____ of our God will be a great joy. Heaven will be a place also of _____ (Revelation 22:3). We don't know _____ the Lord will have us do in heaven, but we'll serve Him like priests did in the temple, doing multiple tasks that _____ God. This word "serve" is associated with worship, but it also reflects the daily devotion of _____ and _____ that we show God. While we'll serve God, we'll also find heaven is a place of _____. Serving God won't _____ us in heaven; it will _____ us (Revelation 14:13).

The hope of heaven ought to _____ us. No matter what we're going through in this life, heaven will surely be _____ it all (Romans 8:18). Our heartaches here make us _____ for heaven where there are no heartaches. As Christians we're _____ and foreigners here on earth (1 Peter 2:11). We sing that old hymn, "This world is not my home; I'm just a _____ through. My treasures are _____ somewhere beyond the blue. The angels beckon me from heaven's open door, And I can't _____ at home in this world anymore." This world is not our home; our hearts long for what God has _____ for us. God called Abraham to _____ his home. And by faith Abraham _____. "He went out, not _____ where he was going." And Hebrews 11:10 says that Abraham "was _____ for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God." You won't find a city here on _____ like that. Hebrews 13:14 says, "For here we do not have a _____ city, but we are _____ the city which is to come." That city is not here on earth, but in _____.

Peter said in 2 Peter 3:13, "But according to his _____ we are _____ for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." Some think that this new heavens and new earth is this _____ after it's been purified with _____. They say the righteous will live eternally on a reconstituted _____. But the Bible teaches in 2 Peter 3:12 that "the heavens will be _____ by burning, and the elements will _____ with intense heat!" The word "elements" refers to the _____ components that make up this world: earth and air and fire and water. This world, as we know it, will be _____ destroyed.

In 1 John 2:17 the Bible says, "The world is _____ away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives _____." Revelation 21:1 says, "Then I saw a _____ heaven and a new earth; for the _____ heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea." Speaking about heaven, Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:50, "Now I say this,



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brethren, that flesh and blood cannot _____ the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.” The Lord began preparing a place for us in the Father’s _____ when He ascended to heaven according to John 14:2. Heaven is not this earth. God is preparing something _____ for us up in heaven.

Heaven will be _____ than anything here. The earth needs a sun and moon, but the new heavens and new earth have _____ Himself (Revelation 21:23). It will be a new and _____ kind of place to live, physically and spiritually. We don’t want to live even one hour without the _____ of heaven. Are you _____ with the living God? Will _____ be your home?

If we miss a ball game or a movie, we haven’t missed _____. If we miss an important appointment, we’re disappointed and may even suffer _____; yet life will go on. But if we miss heaven, we’ve _____ everything. Nothing else matters.

Heaven is a prepared _____ for a prepared _____. Unfortunately, not everyone has a _____ for God or wants to be with God. Their hearts are somewhere else, and they don’t _____ for the heaven described in the Bible. They haven’t _____ themselves for heaven. To enjoy heaven, the Bible presupposes that people long to be _____ to God and to _____ Him (Matthew 5:8). To be pure in heart _____ God and His will are dominant in our thinking and our behavior. People claim they want to go to heaven, but not everyone is willing to change their _____ or to change their _____ to prepare for heaven. If you love _____ more than you love God, you’ll probably feel out of place in heaven. If you don’t _____ God or _____ worship here, you’re probably not ready in heart for heaven. Don’t lose your opportunity to _____ with God forever. Become a Christian by placing your _____ in the Lord with all your heart. Believe and confess Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Repent of your sins and _____ your heart and life toward the Lord. Live every _____ for Him! Be baptized, that is immersed in water; and do it in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be _____ away. Then get involved in _____ and stay faithful every day of your life, stay faithful to the Lord. Are you _____ for heaven? Are you _____ with God?