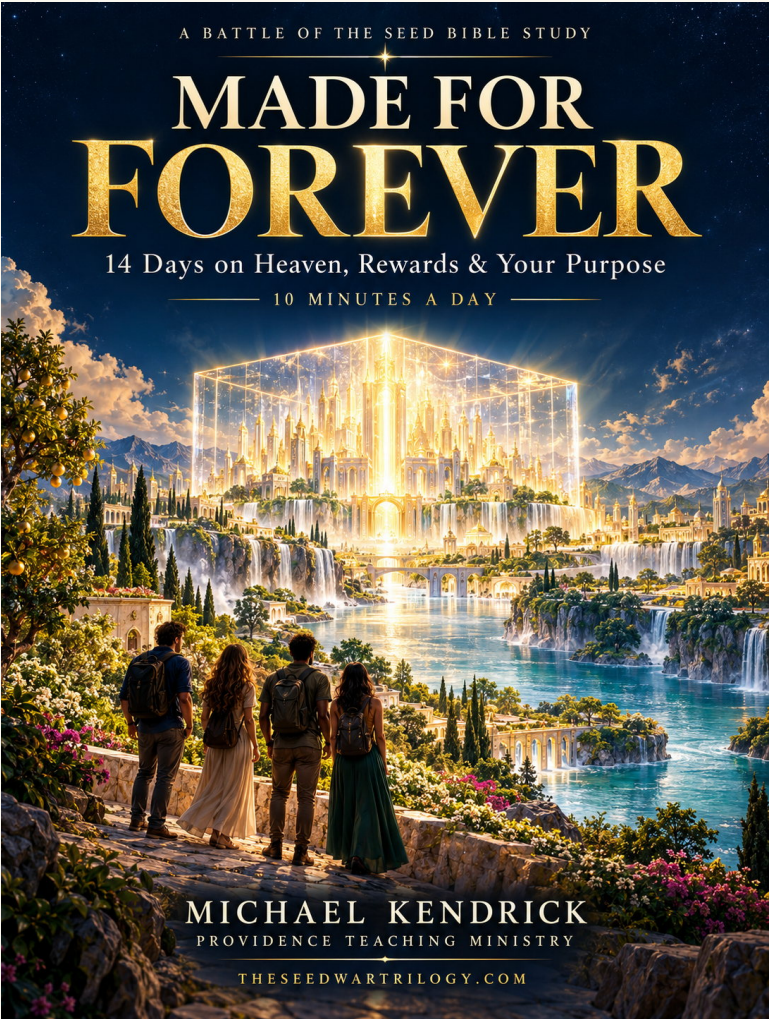




Made for Forever

14 Days on Heaven, Rewards & Your Purpose

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Complete study | King James Version

Publication edition: the complete original text and all 17 approved illustrations. Larger illustration sheets make the artwork easier to read. Web lessons and this entire PDF are available together; no lesson is held back.

BEFORE YOU START

Welcome to Forever

Most people have a fuzzy picture of heaven: clouds, harps, maybe a church service that never ends. No wonder so many people quietly hope it's a long way off.

The Bible paints a completely different picture - a real, brand-new world; a city brighter than anything you've ever seen; a resurrected body that never wears out; meaningful work that never gets old; and best of all, God Himself living with His people, face to face.

And here's the part almost nobody talks about: what you do with your life right now connects to forever. Jesus said He will reward His people and give the faithful real responsibility in His kingdom. Your Monday matters. Your secret prayers matter. The way you treat people when nobody's watching matters.

That's what the next 14 days are about. Not a schedule of end-time events - a vision of forever, and what it means for the life you're living right now.

HOW IT WORKS · 10 MINUTES A DAY

1

OPEN IT

Read the short passage listed at the top of the day in your own Bible.

2

READ IT

Read the day's lesson. Let the key verse and the graphic sink in.

3

LIVE IT

Answer the two questions, try the one small action, and pray.

Each day includes a key verse · a short, plain-English reading · a graphic · Real Talk · The Takeaway · two questions · one small action · a prayer.

THE BIG IDEA

**Heaven is real. Forever is long.
And what you do with your life
right now matters there.**

But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

HEBREWS 11:16

THE JOURNEY

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God is training you for forever - through your everyday.

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You won't be bored forever. You'll be busy forever - in the best way.

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No more injuries. No more aging. No more limits. Jesus is the prototype.

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The City

Fourteen hundred miles high. Gold you can see through. And no need for the sun.

12

The River, the Tree, and No More Curse

Everything that hurts is gone. Everything that heals is here.

13

Face to Face

The best thing about heaven isn't the gold. It's God.

14

Live Now for Then

You get one life to invest in forever. Here's how to start.

A FEW NOTES

Scripture is quoted from the King James Version. Its old-school English is beautiful but can be dense, so each key verse comes with an In other words line - a plain-English paraphrase to help it click. The paraphrase is ours; the verse is God's.

This study fast-forwards to forever. It skips past the thousand-year reign of Christ (covered in The Seed Enthroned) and zooms in on the eternal kingdom: the new heaven, the new earth, and what you'll do there.

The graphics are artistic illustrations of Scripture. The details are imagination; the promises are God's.

Do it your way. Alone with a journal, with a friend, or with a small group - one day at a time, or one week per meeting.



An artist's diagram of Revelation 21-22. The details are imagination; the promises are Scripture.

DAY 0

Start Here

Before you begin, take two minutes and make this study yours. Write it down - future you will want to read this on Day 14.

THIS STUDY BELONGS TO

I'M STARTING ON

I'M DOING IT WITH (A FRIEND, MENTOR, OR GROUP)

RIGHT NOW, WHEN I THINK ABOUT HEAVEN, I FEEL...

ONE THING I HOPE GOD SHOWS ME IN THE NEXT 14 DAYS

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. - Psalm 90:12 (KJV)

A PRAYER TO BEGIN

Lord, You made me for forever. For the next 14 days, open my eyes to what lasts. Show me what heaven is really like, what You value, and what You made me to do - now and forever. Amen.

DAY 1 OF 14

Made for Forever

Your life is short. That doesn't make it small.

READ FIRST Ecclesiastes 3:11 • 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

KEY VERSE

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

- 2 Corinthians 4:18 (KJV)

IN OTHER WORDS Don't build your life around what you can see - it's all temporary. Build it around what you can't see yet, because that lasts forever.

Have you ever felt like you were made for more than this? More than scrolling, working, paying bills, and doing it all again next week? That feeling isn't random. The Bible says God put it there.

Solomon wrote that God “hath set the world in their heart” (Ecclesiastes 3:11). The Hebrew word translated world is *olam* - it means eternity, forever. That’s why most modern translations read, “He has set eternity in the human heart.” You were built with a forever-shaped space inside you. No job, relationship, or achievement can fill it, because none of them last forever. Only God does.

The Dot and the Line

Picture a single dot on a page. Now draw a line from that dot that runs off the page, across the room, out the door, and never stops. The dot is your life on earth - maybe 80 or 90 years. The line is eternity.

Here’s the problem: most people live only for the dot. They chase comfort, approval, and stuff that will be gone in a few decades. The Bible calls us to live for the line - to make choices in the dot that pay off forever.

James puts it bluntly:

For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.
- James 4:14 (KJV)

Your life is a vapor - like your breath on a cold morning. That sounds depressing until you see the other side of it: what you do in this short life echoes for eternity. Paul calls our hardships “light affliction, which is but for a moment,” and says they are producing “a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory” (2 Corinthians 4:17).

Jesus asked the ultimate return-on-investment question: “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” (Matthew 16:26). Every trophy, follower, and paycheck in the dot has to be measured against the line.

The dot is short. But it isn’t small. It’s where forever gets shaped.

Over the next 14 days, you’ll see what heaven is really like, what God rewards, what you’ll actually do forever - and why your ordinary Tuesday matters more than you think.

REAL TALK

Isn’t thinking about heaven just a way to escape real life?

Actually, it's the opposite. C. S. Lewis pointed out that the Christians who did the most good in this world were usually the ones who thought most about the next. Abraham changed history because "he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Hebrews 11:10). Knowing where you're going gives you courage for where you are.

THE TAKEAWAY

This life is the dot. Eternity is the line. Live in the dot for the line.

THINK ABOUT IT

- 1 What are you living for right now that will be gone in 100 years?
- 2 When do you feel that "made for more" ache most strongly?

TRY THIS

Draw a dot and a long line on a sticky note. Put it where you'll see it every day this week - your mirror, laptop, or phone case.

PRAY

God, You made me for forever. Help me stop living only for the dot. Open my eyes to what lasts. Amen.



Even a billion years is just the beginning of the line.

DAY 2 OF 14

Heaven Is Not Boring

Forget clouds and harps. God is making a whole new world.

READ FIRST Revelation 21:1-5

KEY VERSE

**And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth
were passed away; and there was no more
sea.**

- Revelation 21:1 (KJV)

IN OTHER WORDS God isn't just patching up the old world. He's making a brand-new one - a real sky and a real earth, with nothing broken in it.

Be honest. When you hear the word heaven, what do you picture? For a lot of people it's fluffy clouds, people with wings, a harp you don't know how to play, and a worship service that lasts ten thousand years. If that's heaven, no wonder nobody's in a hurry to get there.

Here's the good news: almost none of that is in the Bible.

Two Stops, Not One

When a believer dies, the Bible says they go to be “present with the Lord” (2 Corinthians 5:8). That’s real, it’s wonderful, and it’s fully conscious - Jesus told the thief on the cross, “To day shalt thou be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43). But that isn’t the final destination. Think of it as the waiting room.

The final destination is what John saw at the end of the Bible: a new heaven and a new earth. A real world. Real ground under your feet. Real bodies. A real city. Peter says we “look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness” (2 Peter 3:13) - a world where everything is finally right.

All Things New

Think about what that means. Everything you love about this world - the ocean at sunset, mountains after rain, a great meal with friends, music that gives you chills - those are previews. God isn’t going to throw His creation away. He’s going to make it new. “Behold,” Jesus says from the throne, “I make all things new” (Revelation 21:5). Not all new things. All things new.

And it gets better. Paul borrows a line from the prophet Isaiah to describe what God has in store for His people:

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. - 1 Corinthians 2:9 (KJV)

Whatever the best moment of your life has been so far, God has something better prepared. Boring? The God who invented color, flavor, laughter, and music is not planning to bore you forever.

REAL TALK

Is the new earth this earth fixed up - or a totally different one?

The Bible uses both kinds of language. The first earth “passed away” (Revelation 21:1), yet creation itself “shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption” (Romans 8:21). Think of your own resurrection: the same you, in a body made brand-new. God doesn’t throw away what He loves. He makes it new.

THE TAKEAWAY

Heaven isn’t floating on clouds. It’s living on a brand-new earth with God - and it will be the most alive you’ve ever been.

THINK ABOUT IT

1 What’s one myth about heaven you grew up believing?

2 What’s one thing you love on earth that might be a preview of the new earth?

TRY THIS

The next time you see something beautiful this week - a sunset, a song, a great meal - say it out loud: “That’s a preview.”

PRAY

Lord, thank You that You are making all things new. Replace my boring picture of heaven with the real thing. Amen.

DAY 2

HEAVEN: MYTH VS. REALITY

THE MYTH

-  Floating on clouds
-  Turning into an angel
-  Bored forever

THE BIBLE'S PICTURE

-  A new heaven and a new earth
-  Real resurrected bodies
-  Serving and reigning
-  Life with God

Revelation 21-22



Most of what people “know” about heaven came from cartoons, not the Bible.

DAY 3 OF 14

The Story Ends Where It Began

The last two chapters of the Bible undo the first three.

READ FIRST Genesis 2:8-10; 3:22-24 · Revelation
22:1-5

KEY VERSE

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him.

- Revelation 22:3 (KJV)

IN OTHER WORDS Everything that went wrong in Eden gets reversed. God is back at the center, and His people are back to doing what they were made for.

Every great story ties its ending back to its beginning. Put Genesis 1-3 next to Revelation 21-22 and you'll see it: they're bookends.

In the beginning, God planted a garden with a river and a tree of life, and He walked with Adam and Eve "in the cool of the day" (Genesis 3:8). Everything He made was "very good" (Genesis 1:31).

Then the serpent lied, humanity rebelled, and everything broke. The curse came. Death came. Adam and Eve hid from God and were sent out of the garden, with a flaming sword guarding the way back to the tree of life (Genesis 3:24).

But God Made a Promise

Right there in the wreckage, God promised that a Seed - a descendant of the woman - would one day crush the serpent's head:

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. - Genesis 3:15 (KJV)

That Seed is Jesus. At the cross, the serpent bruised His heel; by rising from the dead, Jesus crushed the serpent's head. The rest of the Bible is God working His way back to the garden - and this time, it's better.

The garden becomes a garden-city. The river now flows straight from God's throne. The tree of life isn't guarded anymore - it lines both sides of the river, open to everyone. The curse is gone. And instead of hiding from God, His people "shall see his face" (Revelation 22:4).

God didn't just hit undo. He hit upgrade. What was lost in Eden is restored - and better, because now it can never be lost again.

REAL TALK

Why didn't God just stop the serpent in the first place?

The Bible doesn't answer every why. But it shows us the ending: evil exposed, defeated, and removed forever - and God's love revealed at its deepest, on a cross. "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" (Genesis 18:25).

THE TAKEAWAY

The Bible starts in a garden and ends in a garden-city. God always finishes what He starts.

THINK ABOUT IT

1 Which bookend pair on the chart hits you hardest? Why?

2 What in your own life feels "broken since Eden"? How does knowing the ending change the way you carry it?

TRY THIS

Read Genesis 2 and Revelation 22 back-to-back today. Circle every word or picture they share.

PRAY

Father, thank You that You never gave up on the story. Help me trust the ending when the middle is hard. Amen.

DAY 3

EDEN TO ETERNITY

GENESIS 1-3	REVELATION 21-22
A garden	A garden-city
A river from Eden	A river from God's throne
The tree of life guarded	The tree of life open
The curse begins	No more curse
Death enters	No more death
Hiding from God	Seeing His face
The serpent deceives	The serpent is gone
Sent out of the garden	Gates never shut

Genesis 1-3 and Revelation 21-22: the Bible's opening and closing scenes mirror each other.

DAY 4 OF 14

Free Gift, Real Rewards

You can't earn heaven. But you can invest in it.

READ FIRST Ephesians 2:1-10

KEY VERSE

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

- Ephesians 2:8-9 (KJV)

IN OTHER WORDS You don't get to heaven by being good enough. You get there by trusting Jesus. It's a gift - so nobody gets to brag.

Before we talk about rewards, we have to get one thing crystal clear, because people mix it up all the time: rewards and salvation are not the same thing.

Salvation is a gift. You can't earn it, buy it, or work your way into it. Jesus paid for it completely on the cross, and you receive it by faith - by trusting Him. "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Wages are earned. Gifts are received.

But here's what a lot of Christians miss. Read the very next verse after today's key verse:

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. - Ephesians 2:10 (KJV)

We aren't saved by good works. We're saved for good works. And God pays attention to those works. Jesus' last words in the Bible include this promise: "Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Revelation 22:12). Hebrews says God "is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

Where vs. How

Here's a simple way to keep it straight. Salvation decides where you spend forever. It's the same for every believer - a free gift, settled at the cross, with God's new creation as your home.

Rewards shape how you spend forever - your responsibilities, your opportunities, your capacity to serve and enjoy God. And they're different for each person, based on how faithfully you lived.

Does that make heaven a competition? No. Nobody will be jealous, and every believer will see God's face. But it does mean your choices today actually matter tomorrow - forever.

Why Rewards at All?

If everything we have came from God in the first place, why reward us at all? Because He's a good Father. A dad doesn't reward his kids to get them into the family - they're already in. He rewards them because he delights in them. Jesus told followers who were being mocked for their faith, "Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven" (Matthew 5:12).

REAL TALK

If salvation is free, why not just live however I want?

Paul saw that question coming: "Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid" (Romans 6:1-2). Grace doesn't make you careless - it makes you new. When you grasp that Jesus paid everything for you, you stop looking for the minimum.

THE TAKEAWAY

Salvation is free, and it's about the where. Rewards are earned, and they're about the how. Don't confuse them - and don't ignore either one.

THINK ABOUT IT

1 Have you ever felt like you had to earn God's love? How does Ephesians 2:8-9 answer that?

2 If God "before ordained" good works for you (Ephesians 2:10), what might one of them be this week?

TRY THIS

Write “Saved BY grace, FOR good works” somewhere you’ll see it. Then do one good work today that nobody asked you to do.

PRAY

Jesus, thank You for the gift I could never earn. Help me live a life worth rewarding - not to get Your love, but because I already have it. Amen.



DAY 4

FREE GIFT. REAL REWARDS.

SALVATION

-  The gift
-  Received by faith
-  Paid in full by Jesus
-  Ephesians 2:8-9

REWARDS

-  Faithful service matters
-  Christ sees our work
-  Lasting responsibility and joy
-  1 Corinthians 3:14

— Saved **BY** grace. Created **FOR** good works. —

Salvation is the gift. Rewards are the investment.

DAY 5 OF 14

Your Life, Reviewed

Every believer will stand before Jesus - not to be condemned, but to be rewarded.

READ FIRST 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 · Romans 14:10-12

KEY VERSE

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

- 2 Corinthians 5:10 (KJV)

IN OTHER WORDS Every Christian will one day stand before Jesus, and He'll review how we lived - what we did with the life He gave us.

That verse can sound scary. Judgment seat? Good or bad? Let's unpack it, because it's actually one of the most motivating truths in the Bible.

The Greek word for “judgment seat” is bema (BAY-muh). In the ancient world, a bema was a raised platform. Officials sat on one to make public rulings - Pilate “was set down on the judgment seat” at Jesus’ trial (Matthew 27:19). And at the famous athletic games near Corinth, the judge stood on a bema to crown the winners. Paul’s readers knew both pictures well.

So the Bema is a real evaluation. But it is not about whether you get into heaven. That question was settled the moment you trusted Christ:

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus. - Romans 8:1 (KJV)

No condemnation. Zero. The Bema isn’t a criminal court where your sins are put on trial - Jesus already took that sentence. It’s where the King reviews what you built with your life, and rewards you for it.

What Gets Reviewed?

Everything - even the stuff nobody saw. Paul says the Lord “will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God” (1 Corinthians 4:5).

Notice two things. First, Jesus looks at motives, not just actions - “the counsels of the hearts.” Why you did something matters as much as what you did. Second, look at how the verse ends: “then shall every man have praise of God.” Imagine that. The God of the universe personally praising you for faithful things you did - including the ones nobody else ever knew about.

That’s why the Bema doesn’t have to be scary. For the believer, it’s less like a final exam and more like an awards ceremony - where the Judge sees everything, and the only applause that counts is His.

Don’t Hand Out the Awards Early

Notice how that same verse begins: “judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come” (1 Corinthians 4:5). Don’t run your own awards ceremony - for yourself or anyone else. You can’t see hearts. Jesus can, and nobody faithful will be overlooked.

REAL TALK

Will my worst sins be put on display at the Bema?

No. For the believer, sin was judged at the cross. God says, “their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more” (Hebrews 8:12), and He has removed them “as far as the east is from the west” (Psalm 103:12). The Bema reviews your service, not your forgiven sins. There may be regret over wasted chances - but never condemnation.

THE TAKEAWAY

The Bema isn't about getting in. It's about what you did once you were in - and every faithful thing, even the hidden ones, will be seen and rewarded.

THINK ABOUT IT

1 Does the thought of your life being reviewed make you nervous, excited, or both? Why?

2 What's one hidden act of faithfulness you're glad God saw?

TRY THIS

Do one kind or faithful thing today that only God will ever know about. Don't tell anyone. Not even a hint.

PRAY

Jesus, I want to hear You say "well done." Help me live today with that moment in mind. Amen.



The Bema comes after Jesus gathers His people to Himself, and before we step into forever.

DAY 6 OF 14

Gold or Stubble?

Some of what you build will last forever. Some won't survive the fire.

READ FIRST 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

KEY VERSE

Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

- 1 Corinthians 3:13 (KJV)

IN OTHER WORDS One day the true quality of what you've built with your life will be revealed. God's fire tests what kind of work it was - not how big it was.

Paul gives us a powerful picture of the Bema. Every believer is building a life on the same foundation - Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11). But we get to choose our building materials: "gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble" (v. 12).

From the street, you can't always tell the difference. Wood can look impressive. Hay piles up fast. Stubble covers a lot of ground cheaply. But one day, fire will test it all - and fire doesn't care how big your pile is. It only cares what it's made of.

The verse says the fire tests “of what sort” it is - not how much there is. A huge platform, a massive following, or a famous name can turn out to be hay. A quiet life of faithfulness can turn out to be pure gold.

What Survives the Fire?

Jesus gives us clues. Things done in secret for God: “thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly” (Matthew 6:4). Things done in love - without love, Paul says, even huge sacrifices profit nothing (1 Corinthians 13:3). Even the smallest kindness done for His sake:

And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. - Matthew 10:42 (KJV)

A cup of cold water! Jesus notices the small stuff. Gold isn't about size. It's about why and for whom. What burns? Things done for applause, for likes, to build our own name - even if they look spiritual.

Saved - But With Loss

Here's the sobering part: "If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire" (1 Corinthians 3:15). It's possible to be truly saved but have little to show for your life - like someone escaping a burning house with only the clothes on their back. Safe, but with real loss.

The good news? You're young. You have time to build with gold. And you don't have to grade your own pile - that's Jesus' job (1 Corinthians 4:4-5). Your job is simply to keep building with what lasts, starting today.

REAL TALK

How do I know if my motives are right?

Honestly, nobody's motives are 100% pure - not even pastors'. Try a simple test: Would I still do this if no one ever found out? Then ask God to show you what's really going on inside, like David did: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts" (Psalm 139:23). God isn't looking for perfect motives. He's looking for a heart that keeps turning toward Him.

THE TAKEAWAY

God doesn't measure your life by size. He measures it by substance. Build with what fire can't touch.

THINK ABOUT IT

1 What in your life right now might look impressive but could turn out to be hay?

2 What's something small and unseen that might be gold?

TRY THIS

Pick one thing you usually do for attention - a post, a comment, a flex - and today do something for God's eyes only instead.

PRAY

Lord, I don't want to build a big pile of hay. Show me what's gold, and help me build with it - for You.
Amen.



DAY 6

THE FIRE TEST

The quality of the work matters.

WHAT LASTS

- Done for Jesus
- Done in love
- Done by faith
- Often seen by God alone

WHAT BURNS

- Done for applause
- Done for image
- Done in my own strength
- Done to build my name

1 Corinthians 3:12-15

What the fire looks for: not size, but substance.

DAY 7 OF 14

Crowns You'll Give Away

The Bible names five crowns. The best part is what we do with them.

READ FIRST 2 Timothy 4:6-8 · Revelation 4:9-11

KEY VERSE

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

- 2 Timothy 4:7-8 (KJV)

IN OTHER WORDS Paul ran his race all the way to the finish line, and he knew Jesus had a reward waiting. And it isn't just for Paul - it's for everyone who longs for Jesus to come back.

Paul wrote those words from a prison cell, knowing he was about to be executed. Yet he wasn't bitter or afraid. He was looking forward. He'd finished his race, and the finish line was a crown.

In the ancient games, winners received a wreath of leaves that wilted within days. Paul says ours are different: “they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible” (1 Corinthians 9:25). The New Testament names five crowns - think of them as five kinds of rewards Jesus loves to give.

Look at what the crowns are for: self-discipline, leading people to Jesus, longing for His return, staying faithful when life is brutal, and caring for other believers. Every single one is available to you - right now, wherever you are.

Then We Give Them Back

Here's the most beautiful part. In Revelation 4, John sees a scene in heaven:

The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power. - Revelation 4:10-11 (KJV)

They take their crowns off and lay them at His feet. That tells us something huge: rewards in heaven are not trophies for our shelf. They're gifts for His glory. The reason to want a crown is to have something to give Him.

It also tells us rewards will never make anyone proud or jealous. Nobody will compare crowns. Rewards aren't about getting closer to God than someone else - every believer will see His face. They're about the joy of honoring Him with a life well lived.

Hold On to It

Jesus adds a warning: "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown" (Revelation 3:11). Don't let distraction, compromise, or quitting steal what God wants to give you.

REAL TALK

Do I have to be a pastor or a missionary to earn a crown?

Not at all. Look at the list again: discipline, sharing your faith, longing for Jesus, enduring trials, caring for people. A nursing student who prays for her patients, a barista who's kind to the rude customer, an athlete who trains with integrity, a friend who keeps showing up - every one of them is running for a crown. Faithfulness counts everywhere.

THE TAKEAWAY

Crowns aren't for showing off. They're for laying at Jesus' feet. Live in a way that gives you something to give Him.

THINK ABOUT IT

1 Which of the five crowns stands out to you most?
Why?

2 Who is one person in your life you could help move
closer to Jesus?

TRY THIS

Text one person today and ask how you can pray for
them. Then actually pray - right then.

PRAY

Jesus, You are worthy of every crown. Help me live a
life that gives me something to lay at Your feet. Amen.



Five crowns named in the New Testament. Not one of them requires fame, talent, or money.

DAY 8 OF 14

Faithful in the Small Stuff

God is training you for forever - through your everyday.

READ FIRST Luke 19:11-26 · Luke 16:10-12

KEY VERSE

He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

- Luke 16:10 (KJV)

IN OTHER WORDS How you handle small things shows how you'll handle big things. Faithfulness isn't about size - it's about character.

Jesus told a story about a nobleman who went away to receive a kingdom (Luke 19). Before he left, he gave each of his servants money to invest while he was gone. When he came back, he called them in to see what they'd done with it.

One servant had turned his money into ten times as much. Listen to the king's response:

Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. - Luke 19:17 (KJV)

Do you see the trade? Faithful in a very little - authority over ten cities. The reward for faithful work wasn't a vacation. It was more responsibility. A bigger assignment.

Your Life Is a Training Ground

This is one of the most exciting truths about eternity: your life right now is preparation for your role in God's kingdom. He's watching how you handle the "little" things, because He has big things planned.

What Counts as "Little"?

Your time - how you spend the 24 hours you get each day.

Your money - even if it isn't much yet. Especially if it isn't much yet.

Your gifts - music, coding, sports, art, leadership, listening.

Your relationships - family, roommates, coworkers, friends.

Your words - what you say, post, and text.

Jesus said if we aren't faithful with money, God won't trust us with "the true riches" (Luke 16:11). Your bank account is a test run for eternal responsibility.

Don't Bury It

In the same story, one servant did nothing. He wrapped his money in a cloth and hid it, because he was afraid (Luke 19:20-21). The lesson isn't "be perfect." It's "don't bury what God gave you." Use it. Risk it for Him. Invest it.

The God who gave Adam a garden to tend will give His faithful people real, meaningful work in His kingdom - forever.

REAL TALK

What if I try to be faithful - and fail?

Welcome to the club. Faithful doesn't mean flawless: "a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again" (Proverbs 24:16). The servant who lost out in Jesus' story wasn't the one who stumbled - it was the one who never tried. Get back up, receive His forgiveness (1 John 1:9), and keep investing.

THE TAKEAWAY

Your everyday life is God's training program for eternity. Faithful in little now means trusted with much forever.

THINK ABOUT IT

- 1 Which "little thing" on the list are you most faithful with? Least faithful?
- 2 Is there a gift or opportunity you've buried out of fear?

TRY THIS

Pick one small, boring responsibility you've been avoiding and do it today with excellence - as if Jesus assigned it to you. (He did.)

PRAY

Lord, I want to be faithful in the little things. Train me now for whatever You have for me forever. Amen.



Faithful in a very little now. Trusted with much forever.

DAY 9 OF 14

Forever Is a Calling, Not a Vacation

You won't be bored forever. You'll be busy forever - in the best way.

READ FIRST Revelation 22:1-5 · Genesis 2:15

KEY VERSE

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

- Revelation 22:5 (KJV)

IN OTHER WORDS In the new creation, God Himself is the light - and His people will rule alongside Him. Not for a season. Forever.

A lot of people imagine eternity as an endless vacation - lying around doing nothing, forever. That sounds great for about a week. Then it sounds like a prison.

The Bible says something far better: “his servants shall serve him” (Revelation 22:3), and “they shall reign for ever and ever” (v. 5). Serve and reign. Not floating. Not idle. Purposeful, joyful work - forever.

Work Was Never the Curse

Work existed before sin. In Eden, before anything went wrong, “the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it” (Genesis 2:15). Work was part of paradise.

What the curse did was make work frustrating - thorns, sweat, and exhaustion (Genesis 3:17-19). In the new creation, the curse is gone. Imagine creativity without burnout, leadership without corruption, and effort without exhaustion.

Kings and Priests

Heaven’s song to Jesus says He has “made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth” (Revelation 5:10). Kings lead. Priests worship and bring others near to God. That’s the job description of every believer. Paul even asks, “Know ye not that we shall judge angels?” (1 Corinthians 6:3).

Discovery Without End

Forever never gets old, because God never runs out. He saved us so “that in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us” (Ephesians 2:7). Ages - plural. You’ll know Him better every day, and there will always be more.

The nations will “bring the glory and honour of the nations into” the city (Revelation 21:26) - the best of every culture, offered to God. So the gifts God put in you may be a hint of how you’ll serve Him forever. The details aren’t spelled out, but the work will be good.

REAL TALK

Will there be music, sports, art, and adventure?

The Bible doesn’t hand us an activity list, so we hold the details loosely. But heaven is full of music (Revelation 5:9), feasting (Revelation 19:9), and the best of every culture (Revelation 21:26). The God who invented creativity, play, and adventure isn’t planning to delete them.

THE TAKEAWAY

Eternity isn’t retirement. It’s your calling, finally free from the curse - serving and reigning with Jesus forever.

THINK ABOUT IT

1 What kind of work makes you feel most alive? How might it be a preview of forever?

2 How does knowing work came before the curse change how you see your job or classes right now?

TRY THIS

Today, do your work - job, class, chores - as if Jesus were your boss (Colossians 3:23). Notice how it changes your attitude.

PRAY

God, thank You that forever is full of purpose. Help me serve You well now, as practice for serving You forever. Amen.



Six things Scripture says God's people will do forever.

DAY 10 OF 14

Your Upgrade: A Body That Lasts

*No more injuries. No more aging. No more limits.
Jesus is the prototype.*

READ FIRST 1 Corinthians 15:35-49 · Luke 24:36-43

KEY VERSE

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body.

- Philippians 3:20-21 (excerpt) (KJV)

IN OTHER WORDS Our true citizenship is in heaven. When Jesus comes, He'll transform our weak, worn-out bodies into bodies like His own glorious, resurrected body.

Some people think we'll spend eternity as ghosts - invisible spirits drifting around. But the Bible is clear: you will have a real, physical body forever. Not your current one, with its allergies, breakouts, anxiety, and aching knees. An upgraded one.

Want to know what it'll be like? Look at Jesus after He rose from the dead. He's the prototype - "the firstfruits of them that slept" (1 Corinthians 15:20). The first of a whole harvest.

What Jesus' New Body Could Do

When Jesus appeared to His disciples after the resurrection, they thought they were seeing a ghost. Here's what He told them:

Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. - Luke 24:39 (KJV)

Then He ate broiled fish in front of them (Luke 24:42-43). His body could be touched. It was recognizable. It still had the scars. But He could also appear inside a locked room (John 20:19) and rise into the sky (Acts 1:9) - fully physical, and free from every limit that holds us back now.

Four Upgrades

It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. - 1 Corinthians 15:42-44 (KJV)

Your new body will never wear out, never get sick, never age, and never be a source of shame. And “spiritual body” doesn’t mean made of spirit. It means a body fully powered and directed by God’s Spirit - still physical, still you, just the way God always intended. John says it simply: “we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2).

Still You

You’ll still be you - personality, memories, relationships - all perfected. The disciples recognized Jesus, and Moses and Elijah were recognizable centuries after they left this earth (Matthew 17:3). You’ll know the people you love, and they’ll know you.

And if your body right now is sick, hurting, or just not what you wish it was - hold on. This one is temporary. Your upgrade is coming.

THE TAKEAWAY

Your forever body will be real, recognizable, and incredible - just like Jesus’ resurrection body. The best version of you is still ahead.

THINK ABOUT IT

- 1 What limitation of your current body are you most looking forward to losing?
- 2 Why do you think it matters that Jesus kept His scars?

TRY THIS

Read Luke 24:36-43 slowly and picture yourself in that room. What would you say to Jesus?

PRAY

Jesus, thank You that You rose in a real body - and that I will too. Help me honor You with this body while I wait for the new one. Amen.

DAY 10

YOUR BODY: NOW & THEN

Corruption	→	Incorruption
Dishonour	→	Glory
Weakness	→	Power
Natural	→	Spiritual

Fully alive in God's Spirit.
Still physical.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44

THE RISEN JESUS

 Touchable	 Ate food	 Recognized	 Kept His scars	 Appeared in a locked room
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Luke 24 · John 20

Paul's four "upgrades" - and the risen Jesus as the prototype.

DAY 11 OF 14

The City

Fourteen hundred miles high. Gold you can see through. And no need for the sun.

READ FIRST Revelation 21:9-27

KEY VERSE

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

- Revelation 21:2 (KJV)

IN OTHER WORDS John watched God's own city come down from heaven to the new earth - as beautiful and ready as a bride on her wedding day.

The night before He died, Jesus told His friends, "In my Father's house are many mansions ... I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). Revelation 21 shows us that place. And it's mind-blowing.

An angel measures the city, and John writes down the numbers:

And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. -

Revelation 21:16 (KJV)

Twelve thousand furlongs is about 1,400 miles - in every direction, including up. Taken at face value, if you set it down on North America, it would cover more than half of the lower 48 states. And it would rise more than five times higher than the International Space Station orbits.

Why a Cube?

Here's where it gets really cool. Only one other perfect cube shows up in the Bible: the Holy of Holies in Solomon's temple - the innermost room where God's presence dwelt. It was 20 cubits long, 20 wide, and 20 high (1 Kings 6:20). Only one person, the high priest, could go in - and only once a year.

Now the whole city is that room, scaled up to 1,400 miles. That's why John says, "I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it" (Revelation 21:22). There's no special holy room, because the entire city is holy ground. Everyone who lives there lives where only the high priest used to stand.

Gold, Pearls, and Light

The street is “pure gold, as it were transparent glass” (Revelation 21:21) - gold so pure you can see through it. The thing people fight and steal for on earth is pavement there.

Each of the twelve gates is a single pearl. A pearl forms when something wounds an oyster and it covers the wound, layer by layer, until it becomes beautiful. It’s hard not to think of Jesus, whose wounds opened the way in.

The city doesn’t need the sun or moon, “for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof” (Revelation 21:23). And the gates are never shut, “for there shall be no night there” (Revelation 21:25). With a city that size, nobody gets squeezed out. The only question is whether you’ve accepted the invitation.

THE TAKEAWAY

The New Jerusalem is God’s Holy of Holies, scaled up for all His people. And Jesus has been preparing it for you.

THINK ABOUT IT

1 Which detail of the city amazes you most - the size, the gold, the pearls, or the light? Why?

2 What does it mean to you that the whole city is “the Holy of Holies”?

TRY THIS

Look up a photo of the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa (163 floors). Then remember: the New Jerusalem would have over 600,000.

PRAY

Jesus, thank You for preparing a place for me. I can't wait to see it - and to see You there. Amen.

DAY 11

HOW BIG IS THE CITY?



ABOUT 1,400 MILES
long · wide · high



12 PEARL GATES



GOLD LIKE
CLEAR GLASS



GOD'S GLORY
IS THE LIGHT

Revelation 21:16–23

Illustrated scale comparison, not an architectural blueprint.

Space Station orbit
≈ 250 miles

Mt Everest
≈ 5.5 miles



An illustrated sense of scale: the Space Station's orbit barely reaches a fifth of the way up.

DAY 12 OF 14

The River, the Tree, and No More Curse

Everything that hurts is gone. Everything that heals is here.

READ FIRST Revelation 21:3-7 · Revelation 22:1-3

KEY VERSE

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

- Revelation 21:4 (KJV)

IN OTHER WORDS God Himself will wipe away every tear. Death, grief, and pain won't just be rare - they'll be gone. The old, broken world is over.

Read that verse again, slowly. Every funeral you've ever been to. Every hard diagnosis. Every breakup, betrayal, panic attack, and lonely night. Every tear. God Himself - not an angel, not an assistant - will wipe them away.

Notice it doesn't say there will be less death or less pain. It says no more. Not managed. Not medicated. Gone.

A River and a Tree

Then the angel shows John the very center of the city:

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life ... and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. - Revelation 22:1-2 (KJV)

Remember the tree of life from Eden - the one humanity was locked out of? Here it is again, lining both banks of the river. No flaming sword. No locked gate. The way back to life is wide open, because Jesus took the curse on Himself at the cross: “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us” (Galatians 3:13).

Healing for the Nations

The tree’s leaves are “for the healing of the nations.” Every tribe, language, and culture - together, at peace, and whole. The divisions that fill our news feeds will be over for good.

And then come three words that sum up the whole Bible: “no more curse” (Revelation 22:3). Every thorn, every frustration, every bit of brokenness that started in Genesis 3 - finished.

Here's why that matters right now: when you know how the story ends, you can face the hard chapters differently. "The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18). Your pain is real. But it is not permanent.

REAL TALK

If there's no more crying, what about the people I love who don't know Jesus?

That's one of the hardest questions there is. We don't have every answer. But God cares more than we do - He is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). Trust Him with what you don't understand, and let it move you to pray for the people you love - and talk with them today, while the door is open.

THE TAKEAWAY

In the new creation, God wipes every tear and removes every curse. Your pain is real - but it's temporary. Healing is forever.

THINK ABOUT IT

- 1 What tear in your life are you most looking forward to God wiping away?
- 2 How could knowing the ending help you through something hard right now?

TRY THIS

Text Revelation 21:4 to someone you know who's hurting today - just the verse and "Thinking of you."

PRAY

Father, You have seen every tear I've cried. Thank You that You'll wipe them all away. Help me hold on to hope until then. Amen.



What Revelation 21-22 says is gone - and what is here to stay.

DAY 13 OF 14

Face to Face

The best thing about heaven isn't the gold. It's God.

READ FIRST Revelation 21:3 · Revelation 22:3-5 ·
Exodus 33:18-23

KEY VERSE

And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

- Revelation 22:4 (KJV)

IN OTHER WORDS We will see God face to face - no barrier, no distance - and we will belong to Him forever, marked as His own.

We've talked about crowns, a city of gold, new bodies, and a river of life. All amazing. But none of them is the main thing. The main thing is God Himself.

Listen to the announcement John hears from heaven:

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. - Revelation 21:3 (KJV)

God with us. God living with us. Heaven isn't heaven because of the streets of gold. It's heaven because God is there.

The Story of God Moving Closer

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible tells one long story: God moving closer to His people.

In Eden, God walked with people - until sin sent them hiding. Then God came near in a tent, the tabernacle, but behind a thick curtain. Then He came closer still: “the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). Then He moved in - the Holy Spirit lives inside every believer (1 Corinthians 6:19). And at the end: face to face.

Even Moses, one of the greatest men in the Bible, was told, “Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live” (Exodus 33:20). But in the new creation, every one of God’s people “shall see his face.” What Moses begged for, you’ll have forever.

Two Words Worth Knowing

The New Testament has a word for this: *parousia* - presence, nearness, arrival. It’s the word used for Jesus’ coming. Its opposite is *apousia* - absence, distance. (Paul uses both side by side in Philippians 2:12.) God never stops being everywhere, but sin breaks our closeness with Him. The gospel is God bringing us from distance into presence. And the New Jerusalem is *parousia* - forever.

Full Access for Everyone

This matters: every believer sees His face. Rewards may differ, but nobody gets a back-row seat to God. “In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore” (Psalm 16:11). And you don’t have to wait to start knowing Him. Jesus said, “this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent” (John 17:3). Eternal life isn’t only a place you go later. It’s a relationship you can start today.

REAL TALK

How do I actually know God now? He feels far away.

Start with His promise: “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you” (James 4:8). Knowing God works like any relationship: you talk (prayer), you listen (His Word), you spend time with His family (church), and you trust Him when you can’t see Him. Feelings come and go. His presence doesn’t - Jesus said, “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20).

THE TAKEAWAY

The best part of forever is God’s face - and the relationship that lasts forever can begin right now.

THINK ABOUT IT

1 If you could ask God one question face to face, what would it be?

2 What’s one way you could grow closer to God this week - out of desire, not duty?

TRY THIS

Spend five minutes today simply being with God - no requests, no list. Read Psalm 16 and tell Him what you love about Him.

PRAY

God, more than anything in heaven, I want You. Draw me close now, and keep me close forever. Amen.



From Eden to eternity, the whole Bible is the story of God closing the distance.

DAY 14 OF 14

Live Now for Then

You get one life to invest in forever. Here's how to start.

READ FIRST Matthew 6:19-21 · Colossians 3:1-4,
23-24

KEY VERSE

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

- Matthew 6:20-21 (KJV)

IN OTHER WORDS Invest in what can't be destroyed or stolen. Whatever you treasure most is where your heart will end up.

In 13 days we've seen it: this life is short but not small. God is making a brand-new world. Jesus will reward faithfulness - even the hidden kind. And forever means purpose, a real body, a breathtaking city, and best of all, God's face.

So what do you do with all of that? Jesus answers in one sentence: invest in forever.

Two Portfolios

Jesus uses investing language on purpose. “Treasures upon earth” are exposed to moth, rust, and thieves (Matthew 6:19). Things break. Markets crash. Phones get stolen. And the day you die, the whole portfolio goes to someone else. Treasure in heaven can’t decay, can’t be stolen, and never crashes.

Five Ways to Invest This Week

Know Him. Read His Word and talk with Him every day - eternal life is knowing God (John 17:3).

Serve someone. A cup of cold water given in His name is never wasted (Matthew 10:42).

Give generously. Giving to God’s work moves treasure into the account that lasts (Matthew 6:20).

Tell someone. The people you help bring to Jesus are your “crown of rejoicing” (1 Thessalonians 2:19).

Work for Him. Whatever you do, “do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men” (Colossians 3:23).

Your Forever Starts Now

“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth” (Colossians 3:2). That doesn’t mean ignoring this life. It means living it with the next one in view - and letting forever shape your Monday.

Remember the dot and the line from Day 1? The dot is short. But it's yours, and it matters more than you ever imagined. "Be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

You were made for forever. Live like it.

REAL TALK

I'm broke. How am I supposed to give generously?

Generosity is about the heart, not the amount. Jesus said a poor widow's two tiny coins outweighed all the rich people's gifts (Mark 12:41-44). "God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7) - so start small, start regular, start now. And you can give time, skills, and encouragement too.

THE TAKEAWAY

Invest your one life in what lasts forever: knowing God, loving people, and living for His "well done."

THINK ABOUT IT

1 Where is most of your treasure right now - your time, money, and attention? What does that say about your heart?

2 Which of the five investments will you start this week?

TRY THIS

Write a one-sentence “forever mission statement” for your life. Stick it next to your dot-and-line note from Day 1.

PRAY

Jesus, I want my life to count forever. I give You my time, my money, my gifts, and my future. Let me hear You say “well done.” Amen.

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TWO PORTFOLIOS

TREASURE ON EARTH

- Moth
- Rust
- Thieves
- Left behind at death

TREASURE IN HEAVEN

- Knowing God
- Loving people
- Faithful service
- What lasts forever

A SHORT LIFE AN ETERNAL RETURN

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”
Matthew 6:21

Every dollar, hour, and ounce of energy goes into one portfolio or the other.

REAL QUESTIONS

Honest Questions, Short Answers

Is it selfish to want rewards?

No. Jesus Himself told us to “lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven” (Matthew 6:20). Moses chose hardship because “he had respect unto the recompence of the reward” (Hebrews 11:26). Even Jesus, “for the joy that was set before him endured the cross” (Hebrews 12:2). Wanting what God wants to give you isn’t selfish - especially when the plan is to lay it at His feet (Revelation 4:10).

What if I’ve already wasted a lot of time?

Look at the thief on the cross - saved in his final hours (Luke 23:43). In Jesus’ parable, workers hired at the last hour of the day still received a full day’s pay (Matthew 20:9). Paul’s approach: “forgetting those things which are behind ... I press toward the mark for the prize” (Philippians 3:13-14). Start today.

Will everyone in heaven be equal?

Equal in what matters most: every believer is fully forgiven, fully loved, and sees God's face (Revelation 22:4). But assignments differ - one servant receives ten cities, another five (Luke 19:17-19), and "every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour" (1 Corinthians 3:8). And nobody will be jealous. Ever.

Will I recognize the people I love?

Yes. The disciples recognized the risen Jesus. Moses and Elijah were recognizable centuries after they left the earth (Matthew 17:3). Jesus said we will "sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob" (Matthew 8:11), and Paul says, "then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Corinthians 13:12). You'll be more yourself, not less.

Will we be married in heaven?

Jesus said, "in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage" (Matthew 22:30). Earthly marriage is a picture of Christ and His church (Ephesians 5:32). In eternity we get the reality the picture always pointed to - and no one will feel they lost anything.

Is the city literal?

Revelation 21 gives precise measurements, and this study takes them at face value. Some Bible readers see the numbers as symbolic of perfection. Either way the point is the same: the city is real, it's glorious, and there is room for you.

What happens when a Christian dies before Jesus returns?

They go straight into the Lord's presence - "absent from the body ... present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). Paul called it "far better" (Philippians 1:23). Then, when Jesus comes, "the dead in Christ shall rise first" (1 Thessalonians 4:16), and they receive their new bodies.

How can I know for sure I'm going there?

John wrote his letter so "that ye may know that ye have eternal life" (1 John 5:13). It doesn't rest on how good you've been but on whom you've trusted. Turn the page.

THE DOOR IS STILL OPEN

Come Home

Everything in this study - the rewards, the city, the new body, the face of God - hangs on one question: do you know Jesus? Heaven isn't for good people. It's for forgiven people. And the invitation is open to you right now:

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. - Revelation 22:17 (KJV)

Here's how to respond - today, in your own words:

ADMIT

You've sinned, and you can't save yourself.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. - Romans 3:23 (KJV)

BELIEVE

Jesus died for your sins and rose again.

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. - Romans 10:9 (KJV)

RECEIVE

Trust Him as your Savior and Lord.

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. - John 1:12 (KJV)

A PRAYER YOU CAN PRAY

Jesus, I know I've sinned, and I can't save myself. I believe You died for me and rose again. I turn from my sin and trust You as my Savior and my Lord. Thank You for forgiving me and giving me eternal life. I'm Yours - forever. Amen.

IF YOU JUST PRAYED THAT AND MEANT IT

Tell someone today - a Christian friend, a family member, a pastor.

Find a church that teaches the Bible, and get connected.

Start reading the Gospel of John, one chapter a day.

Go back to Day 1 and read this study again. Every promise in it is now yours.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. - John 3:16 (KJV)

‘And they shall see his face;
and his name shall be in their foreheads.’

REVELATION 22:4



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