

Heaven Will Not Be Boring!

by Bill Lembright

If you are at all like me, certain terms in the Bible describing Heaven repulse me rather than make me eager to be there. For example, a city with really high and thick walls (sounds somewhat like a prison), streets of gold (eye-catching, but somewhat hard and sterile), huge crowds gathered around the throne of God (awesome for a while, but then what?), resting in the clouds playing harps, a river flowing from the throne of God lined with fruit trees sounds better but how long will we be satisfied with delicious fruit before we long for a beer and a juicy hamburger?

Now if my images of Heaven are so boring and sterile, you might rightfully wonder why I'm so determined to go there and live there forever! Please bear with me as I take you on a journey of wild ideas that just scratch the surface of how utterly amazing Heaven will most likely be.

Our Creator is all-powerful, the Master of imagination, the Author of beauty, the Lord of the Universe, the Designer of Earth, its vegetation, and its abundance of unique creatures (including us humans who He designed in His own image), the Sculptor of oceans, mountains, waterfalls, forests, beaches, beautiful deserts, the Grand Canyon, Yosemite, Alaska, and the Amazon, just to mention a few highlights. Would such a Genius be unlikely to create a Paradise more



exquisite than any wonder we see on Earth? These are some expectations I have that could very well materialize once inside Heaven's gates. We'll be welcomed by thousands of angels and fellow believers. There will be cheering, music, and dancing. We'll be ushered into the presence of God

Himself. The sight of Him is so awesome that no human can survive it, but we will have new spiritual bodies that can handle it. Nonetheless, we'll probably fall on our faces, overcome by the sight of Him and automatically worship Him. After we get accustomed to that, we'll probably start looking around. Quite likely LOTS of people will approach us and thank us for leading them toward God. And we'll ask how WE had anything to do with it! They may very well say, "We heard you refer to Him and you lived a life that was true, sincere, and spoke well of your Heavenly Master, so we sought after Him and found Him ourselves." If you're like me, you probably think NO ONE seems to turn to God because of what I do or say. I must be doing something wrong or it's just not my calling. Most of us aren't preachers but ALL of us are billboards that project lives that honor God or project our unworthy selves. All WE have to do is serve God, and His care and concern will radiate from His Spirit inside us out to a fallen world. In other words, we just follow Him and He does all the heavy lifting of rescuing other lost souls and bringing them safely to Himself. There is a saying, "Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words." Imagine how enjoyable it will be to share these memories from our lives on Earth and how God rescued each of us



from the condemnation of the judgment our self-serving lives deserved and allowed us to become members of His Heavenly family!

In Heaven there will also be infinite opportunities to personally meet and share stories of the heroes of the faith: the Father, Himself, Jesus His Son who died for us so we could be there in the first place, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Elijah, Elisha, Daniel, David, John the baptizer, Peter, James, John, Stephen, Paul, and countless martyrs from the first century to the present. And then there will likely be millions of less famous believers, like you and me, who will have countless experiences orchestrated by God to share with each other.

Then I suspect God will provide us with a replay of His miracles since the beginning of time with us personally there taking in the shock and awe of it all! There will be the creation, the fall of Adam and Eve, the life of Noah and the great flood, the journey of Abraham, the eventful lives of Joseph, Moses, David, Daniel, Mary the mother of Jesus, Jesus Himself and ALL of His acts, His crucifixion and resurrection, the apostles and their stories of faith and persecution, plus countless miracles since then including the creation of the United States of America, and the rebirth of the nation of Israel, followed by the coming days of God's judgment upon the world. This alone will involve massive amounts of time!

Let's look at living accommodations promised by Jesus. For starters He promised to prepare mansions for us in Heaven. We're NOT going to be crammed into apartment complexes but will enjoy the fruit of God's infinite creativity and generosity! And let's not fall into the trap of picturing "mansions" as sterile human made structures but as the handiwork of the Master Creator of the universe! Expect awesome living quarters enhanced with gardens, fountains, comfort, and oozing with spiritual pleasure!

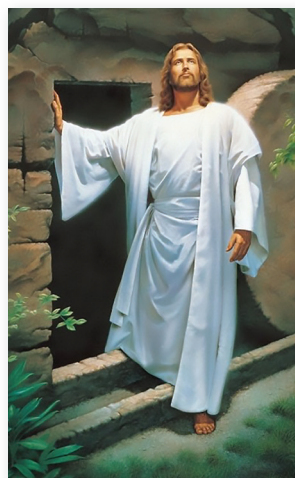
As far as food and drink goes, He promised us a great banquet likely loaded with the



most appealing food and drink imaginable. What He provides will likely exceed in desirability anything we've ever consumed in the current world!

Now let's consider other possible aspects of life in Heaven. Consider the pleasure of the most beautiful gardens you have ever seen and what God will provide will most likely FAR exceed that in both beauty and pleasure with ponds, fountains, arbors, paths, and benches. Then beyond gardens are deserts with springs and oases, and forests with streams and waterfalls more beautiful and inspiring than we have ever seen in THIS life. Think of endless trails through that paradise with zero threats or dangers, only unmatched beauty, splendor, pleasure, and LOTS of close friends with whom to mingle and share.

Now in light of the fact we will no longer be weary or experience pain, imagine asking God for opportunities to serve and please Him. Just as He knew what would transpire in our earthly lives, before we were even born; then trained us and gave us talents to use in His service, why would we think those plans end with our physical death? Why wouldn't God allow us to continue to serve Him in the next life employing those same



gifts and talents? If we were successful serving Him in the world, why wouldn't we be even more successful using those assets to serve Him in Heaven?

Now let's consider how often God has saved us from danger in this life, mostly without our knowledge. Likely we will visualize thousands of such instances and God will be smiling at us and saying, "And you had NO idea of the detail of how much I cared for you all those years!" This is illustrated in the poem:

Footprints in the Sand

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with God. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One belongs to him and the other to God.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned God about it, "You said that once I decided to Follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints."

I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me alone." God replied, "My precious, precious man, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."



Hopefully this will help us serve God with abandon for the remainder of this short life and look forward to serving Him in the next. At the same time, I wish my agnostic friends would read it and ask God to convince them He is real as I once did. I would be ecstatic to be greeted by THEM in Heaven! That would make Heaven even MORE desirable to me!

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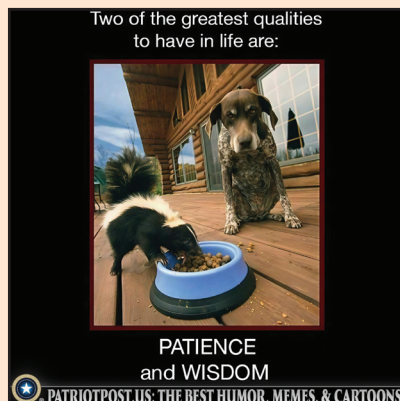
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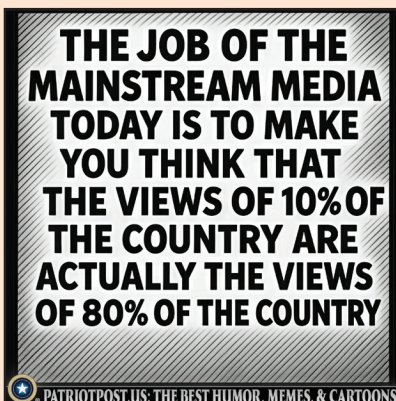


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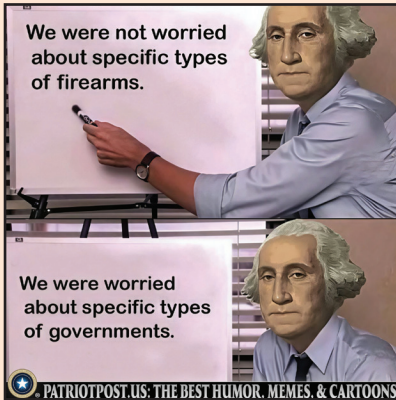
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