

Study Guide: Fall of the World-The Eternal Condition of Eternity, Lesson 21

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Introduction

This study guide explores the nature of Heaven and the transition into the eternal state, based on the lesson "The Fall of the World." The material focuses on the reality of Heaven as a physical place and a dimension beyond current human comprehension. It examines the biblical requirement for a new heaven and a new earth, the necessity of a glorified body to perceive the fullness of God, and the spiritual citizenship that believers hold even while living in the physical world.

Quiz: Understanding Heaven and the Eternal State

Instructions: Answer the following questions in two to three sentences each based on the provided text.

1. Why does the speaker state that it is impossible to give an adequate presentation of Heaven?
2. How does the speaker use the example of a Benson radio station to explain the different dimensions of existence?
3. According to 1 Corinthians 13:12, what is the difference between how we see God now and how we will see Him in the future?
4. What visual description did the prophet Ezekiel use to try and explain the glory of God?
5. How does the book of Revelation describe the appearance of the New Jerusalem?
6. What is the significance of the "glorified body" regarding our ability to experience God's presence?
7. How does the speaker clarify the meaning of the word "mansions" used in the King James Version of John 14?
8. What does it mean for a believer to have "citizenship" in Heaven while still on earth?
9. According to the lesson, what must happen to the current heaven and earth before the eternal state begins?
10. Why is the current universe described as "tainted" or "corrupted," necessitating its destruction?

Answer Key

1. Many aspects of Heaven are beyond the ability of human language to express. Even the apostle Paul, who was caught up to the "third heaven," found the experience so overwhelming that he could not speak about the things he saw.
2. Even though we cannot hear the radio signal without a receiver, the broadcast is still present in the room. Similarly, Heaven and spiritual beings like the Holy Spirit and angels are present in a dimension we cannot currently perceive because we are limited to a three-dimensional world.
3. Currently, we see God and Christ dimly, as if looking into a blurred mirror. In the eternal state, we will see Him face to face and know Him as intimately as we know ourselves.
4. Ezekiel described God's glory as a blazing sun reflecting off polished jewels, creating spinning wheels of color. He also observed many angels flying within this intense light and color.
5. The New Jerusalem is described as a transparent prism of light made of jewels, gold, and pearls. The blazing light of God scatters through this city, making everything look like polished diamonds.
6. In our current state, no person can see God and live because we cannot handle His full glory. Our glorified bodies will allow us to perceive and exist in God's fully manifested presence without any veil between us.
7. The speaker notes that the word "mansions" is better translated as "dwelling places" or "apartments." The focus is not on the size of the house, but on the fact that believers will live within the Father's house.
8. Believers are already considered citizens of Heaven because everything they love—their Father, their Savior, and their inheritance—is located there. Their affections and treasures are placed in the heavenly realm rather than on the temporary things of earth.
9. The first heaven and the first earth must pass away or be "uncreated" by God. He will erase the old universe as easily as He created it to make room for a new creation where righteousness dwells.
10. The current universe has been corrupted by sin in both the human realm and the angelic realm, where demons operate. Because the heavens are not pure in God's sight and the earth is defiled, they must be replaced by a new, holy creation.

Essay Questions

Instructions: Use the information from the lesson to develop detailed responses to the following prompts.

1. Explain the concept of Heaven as a "dimension of existence." How does this perspective change the way one might think about the presence of God and spiritual beings in everyday life?
2. Discuss the importance of Jesus Christ as "The Way." How does the text link the person of Jesus Christ to the physical location of Heaven and the Father's house?
3. The speaker mentions several things that a believer currently has "reserved" in Heaven. List these items and analyze how having these reservations might influence a person's priorities on earth.
4. Compare the descriptions of the end of the world found in Revelation 20 with the new beginning described in Revelation 21. What roles do judgment and righteousness play in this transition?
5. Analyze the scriptural evidence provided (from Isaiah, Psalms, and Hebrews) regarding the temporary nature of the physical universe. Why is it significant that God remains the same while the universe "grows old like a garment"?

Glossary of Key Terms

- **Affections:** The emotions and desires of a person; in this context, they are to be set on heavenly things rather than earthly ones (Colossians 3).
- **Church of the Firstborn:** A reference to the assembly of believers in Jesus Christ who will inhabit Heaven.
- **Citizenship:** The status of belonging to a specific place; believers are described as having their true home and legal standing in Heaven (Philippians 3:20).
- **Eternal State:** The final, everlasting condition of existence that follows the final judgment and the creation of the new heaven and earth.
- **Glorified Body:** The perfected, resurrection body that believers will receive, which is capable of existing in the presence of God's full glory.
- **Inheritance:** A spiritual gift or possession reserved for believers in Heaven that is incorruptible, undefiled, and does not fade away (1 Peter 1:4).
- **Manifested:** Clearly revealed or made visible; in Heaven, God's presence is no longer hidden but is fully seen.
- **New Jerusalem:** The heavenly city described in Revelation as a place of immense beauty and light where God dwells with His people.

- **Third Heaven:** A term used by the apostle Paul to describe the highest heaven or the immediate presence of God.
- **Triune:** The nature of God existing as three persons—Father, Son (Jesus Christ), and Holy Spirit—in one being.

Language Note

There were no specific Greek words used or defined within the source context for this lesson. All terms were provided and explained in English.