

company of heaven, all those making up the city of God.

And what is typical of the angels is also typical of the overcomers. They will bow down and worship before the divine majesty. So all those privileged to enter the golden city will reverently bow and show honor to one another in love and respect, in the same way that God the Father honors the Son and the Son honors the Father.

Everything is marked by this reverence and graciousness, every movement and gesture. They will be, how shall I put it, so immersed in bliss and so overwhelmed that they'll sing and rejoice with all their hearts, hardly knowing how to express their love and thanks to the Lord Jesus worthily enough. And oh, what thanksgiving there will be when they begin to give thanks for all that he has given us and for the greatest miracle of all, making us his own.

Why me, we may ask. Coming from a non-Christian family, I grew up knowing nothing about Jesus. Not until later did my parents come to a living faith.

And so the privilege of being his own is something I can never praise him enough for. I can only sing, for all eternity he is mine. For all eternity I belong to him.

For all eternity grants us the greatest of all joys imaginable, far surpassing all else. In heaven he will make us so happy that if we didn't have new bodies and if our souls were not expanded, we would burst for sheer delight because it's all so wonderful. So powerful is the joy we will experience when we go to be with Jesus in the city of God and make our dwelling there.

And that reminds me of something else. Wasn't it loving of Jesus to make that promise? I go, he said to his disciples, I go to prepare a place for you, for every one of us who has loved and followed him along the pathway of the cross. The Lord Jesus goes through the golden city.

We can only use human terms. He goes through the streets of the golden city and personally seeks out a dwelling place for each soul, a home for us, something that is just right for us. And where Jesus will reward us with glory in return for all the suffering we endured in our lives, all the pain and affliction we bore in union with him and in complete dedication to his will.

And just as we become one with Jesus here by accepting our trials, so we will be one with him in heaven, inseparably one with Jesus. Jubilation, exaltation. The heavens are singing and rejoicing.

Praise and adoration be to you, the lamb. Praise and adoration. Jubilation, exaltation.

The heavens are singing and rejoicing. You shine like a thousand suns in the full blaze of glory. Myriads upon myriads of angels pay homage to you eternally.

Praise be to you, our king. It's hard to believe we'll be with the Lord forever, isn't it? But the Bible says so. And so all our suffering is worth it, as the apostle Paul writes.

The sufferings of the present time are slight and momentary and short-lived. They are not worth comparing with the immeasurable glory of heaven. They actually create for us glory and joy beyond all compare for all eternity.

What tremendous power lies in the message of heaven for someone in pain or at death's door. Not for nothing, the Bible tells us, to set our minds on heaven, the things that are above. Heaven is our real home.

These few years on earth, you can count the decades on your fingers, are soon over. Hardly anyone lives to be over a hundred. Our time on earth passes by so quickly.

Some may live to be 70, others 80 or 90, and then it's all over. And the question is, what did my life bring me? Eternity lasts forever. Where will I be then? What kind of dwelling place will I have? Will I see Jesus? Will I taste the glory which comes from suffering and affliction and which the Lord Jesus always spoke of? Where will I be then? When we ask ourselves this, may our reply be, Oh, heaven, that's where I want to be.

That's where real life will begin, and not in the kingdom of death or in hell. Every morning when I thank Jesus for going to Calvary for us, I close with, and your sufferings opened up heaven for me. Heaven awaits us.

The Lord Jesus awaits us. He awaits us above. How He waits for the coming of a soul who loves Him and whom He has chosen and loves.

And what a glorious homecoming that will be. Then we won't just stand before the gates of heaven. They will swing open.

Angels will be there. And if we have the honor, and this is something none of us can know for sure, of being received by Jesus Himself at the gates of heaven, it will be too wonderful for words. And we'll say, Now I am home.

Nun bin ich zum Haus. Nun bin ich zum Haus. Now I am home.

Nun bin ich zum Haus. Nun bin ich, nun bin ich zum Haus. Nun bin ich das Haus.

Nun bin ich der Haus. Jesus spoke of the crown of life awaiting his faithful ones, the overcomers. For as it says in 2 Timothy, if we suffer, we shall also reign with him.

O blessed cross, blessed suffering, preparing our souls for heaven, that we might inherit the crown of life. Praise to the Lamb of God. Praise to our heavenly bridegroom who opened the way to heaven for us.

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With Christ, I enter Thee. On earth, I'm caught and stricken. There is no rest for me.

Our God's infant, my Savior, born in Bethlehem, Ashton, so takes my soul to rest. Bethlehem, my home of rest. When private nights do not meet, His joy we will embrace.

He sheds on me His glory, His mercy, love, and grace. He alone, we will rejoice. Christ, righteous, blest, resplendent, so takes my soul to rest.

Bethlehem, my home of rest. O come, all ye faithful, joyful in this day. Heaven and earth adore you, and life to you today.

O joy beyond all measure, to you, great my Lord, my treasure. So takes my soul to rest. Bethlehem, my home of rest.

Christ, the Lord, each heart and soul, born in Bethlehem. Soon we shall be there. God see in you now.

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God see in you now. Tonight these people have had a foretaste of heaven. They look forward to living in heaven for all eternity.

Can you say the same for yourself? Do you have in your heart the assurance of heaven? Our sins and faults block the way to heaven for us. Only Jesus Christ can deal with them. For you personally, He died on the cross and rose again, opening the way to heaven for you.

This is the meaning of Easter. So come to Him. He is waiting for you to bring Him your sins, yes, your whole life.

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