

ORDER FOR THE CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD

A Service of Celebration and Covenantal Renewal

MEDITATION AND PREPARATION—

Beloved, what is heaven? What is the final glory of the saints? Is it not the best place, the richest inheritance provided by the Father for the people ransomed and brought home to glory by His Son? ...

In the new heaven and the new earth there will be nothing more to taint, nothing more to sully, nothing more to embitter, nothing more to wound—no serpent to beguile, no Eve to ensnare, no spoiler to destroy, no sin to defile, no adversity to sadden, no misunderstanding to alienate, no tongue to defame, no suspicion to chill, no tear, nor sickness, nor death, nor parting. It will be the best part of the pure, radiant, glorified universe which God will assign to His people! Saints of the Most High!

Let the prospect cheer, sanctify, and comfort you! It will not be long that you are to labor and battle here on earth. It is but a little while that you are to occupy your present sphere of conflict, of trial, and of sorrow. The time is coming—oh, how fast it speeds! Soon the Lord Jesus Christ will bring you home to heaven (or bring heaven to you)! Octavius Winslow, *WHAT IS HEAVEN?*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

MISSIONAL LIVING

—David Winningham
Mercy Children's Clinic

INVOCATION

—Elder Johnny Clark

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 47:5-9 (NIV)

5 God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

**6 Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

7 For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.

**6 Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises**

8 God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.

**6 Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

9 The nobles of the nations assemble
as the people of the God of Abraham,
for the kings of the earth belong to God;
he is greatly exalted.

**6 Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

WORSHIP THROUGH SONG

Lyric sheets of today's music can be obtained from the ushers upon request.

PASTORAL PRAYER

MINISTRY OF THE WORD, PART 1

—PASTOR SCOTTY SMITH

UNVEILED HOPE

The Present and Future of Heaven: Rev. 21:1-22:6

IN SUMMARY: What Will NOT Be in the New Heaven and New Earth?

Today we look back over our series on heaven and remember some of the grand affirmations we have discovered, while considering a few more. May the fruit of this series demonstrate that we have learned a little more about living like heaven is a real place, for indeed, it is! Next week we will complete this series by pondering the great truth of the present reign of Christ as we consider the theme of the millennium in Revelation 20.

AFFIRMATION BY NEGATION: 10 Things Which Will NOT Be in the New Heaven and New Earth

- 1. No More “Sea”** – Rev. 21:1. Not water, but wickedness will be gone forever. Evil and the evil one will be eradicated. There will be no threat of terror, nor source of temptation ever again.
- 2. No More Tears** – Rev. 21:4. God will redeem all of our broken stories, individually and corporately.
- 3. No More Death** – Rev. 21:4. All forms of decay, demise and death will be eliminated forever—in people, the environment and culture.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF THE WORD, PART 2 —PASTOR SCOTT ROLEY

- 4. No More Mourning** – Rev. 21:4. Our hearts will no longer ache with regret, confusion, shame, or longing.
- 5. No More Crying** – Rev. 21:4. Our eyes will no longer weep tears of sadness, anger or disappointment
- 6. No More Pain** – Rev. 21:4. Our bodies, emotions and minds will be completely healed

SONG OF REFLECTION

MINISTRY OF THE WORD, PART 3

—PASTOR SCOTTY SMITH

- 7. No Temple** – Rev. 21:22. All of life will be lived as worship service. Everything we do will reflect God’s glory and give him honor.
- 8. No Night** – Rev. 21:25. This is an affirmation of our perpetual access to God’s presence, not a statement about it always being daytime in eternity. God’s glory will supersede the luminaries of the sun and moon. Jesus is not only the Lamb of God, he is also the Lamb of the New City.
- 9. Nothing Impure** – Rev. 21:27. Sin, evil and death will **never** enter the new heaven and new earth, or your heart.
- 10. No More Curse** – 22:3. All limitations on our creativity and fruitfulness as God’s children will be removed. We will fill the new heaven and new earth with new culture forever! **And**, we will always remember that all this is possible only because Jesus became a curse for us on the cross.

SONG OF RESPONSE

COMMISSIONING MISSIONS TEAM TO APPALACHIA, 10:45 A.M.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING H.S. SENIORS, 9:00 A.M.—

Student	Parents	College Attending
Addie Lee	Robb & Jamie Lee	University of Georgia
Arthur Perthel	Mark & Beth Perthel	Middle Tenn State University
Bethany Long	Kevin & Darlene Long	Undecided
Forrest J. Reynolds	Forrest & Judith Reynolds	University of Tennessee
Hannah Witt	Brian & Susan Witt	Middle Tenn State University
Jessi Gamble	Sue Gamble	Univ of Tenn at Chattanooga
John Bibb	Julian & Jayne Bibb	Wake Forrest University
Kelsey Tichenor	David & Lisa Tichenor	Samford University
Kevin McCurdy	Bruce & Debbie McCurdy	Undecided
Laura Lively	Ron & Penny Lively	Middle Tenn State University
Lindsay White	Drew & Julie White	Auburn University
Mackenzie Van Dam	Jery & Betsy Van Dam	University of Tennessee
Mary Jane Pope	Wayne & Sunny	University of Kentucky
Matthew Kuhn	Steve & Dede Kuhn	University of Central Florida
Meaghan Bizzell	Leroy & Kristine Bizzell	Univ of Tenn at Chattanooga
Michael Seites	Mark & Marilyn Seites	Middle Tenn State University
Mitchell Reed Brandon	Gary & Joy Brandon	Auburn University
Rachael Daughtrey	Wade & Sue Daughtrey	University of Tennessee
Rachel Creamer	Matt & Roberta Creamer	Middle Tenn State University
Rebecca Stoll	Dawn Stoll	Columbia State University
Rose Van Ryckeghem	Pat & Dawn Van Ryckeghem	Western Kentucky University
Roxanne McIntyre	Mike & Kristi McIntyre	Jacksonville University
Samuel Roley	Scott & Linda Roley	Cumberland University
Timothy Tant	Scott & Kim Tant	United States Army

BENEDICTION



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION:

1. What had the most impact on you from our time today in God's worship and Word? What was encouraging, convicting, and/or calling for more clarification?
2. Which of the "no mores" was especially good to hear? What experiences in your life lead you to rejoice in the Lord that "those days" are over?
3. What expectations do you have for your part in the new heaven and new earth?
4. What will you be especially free to express as God's child when we are living in the New Jerusalem?
5. Close with a good season of prayer for one another... with GREAT JOY AND ANTICIPATION!