

Realizing Our Destiny

Genesis 1:1; Genesis 2:7-9

1. We are made for Heaven, and Heaven for us.

Genesis 2:15-17; Romans 5:12

2. Sin separated us from God and the Garden, **BUT JESUS...**

Romans 5:18; John 14:6; 1 John 5:12; 1 Corinthians 2:9; Colossians 3:1-2; 2 Thessalonians 1: 7-10; 2 Corinthians 5:8

“All your life an unattainable ecstasy has hovered just beyond the grasp of your consciousness. That day is coming when you will wake to find, beyond all hope, that you have attained it, or else, that it was within your reach and you have lost it forever.” - C.S. Lewis

3. God is going to re-new and join heaven and earth.

Revelation 21:1-4; Ephesians 1:10

“The New Jerusalem does not remain in a heaven far-off space, but it comes down to the renewed earth; there the redeemed will spend eternity in resurrection bodies. So heaven and earth, now separated, will then be merged; the new earth will also be heaven since God will dwell there with His people. Glorified believers will continue to be in heaven while they are inhabiting the new earth.” - Anthony Hoekema

John 14:2; Revelation 22:1-5

Next Week’s Reading Guide:

Revelation 21
Revelation 22
Revelation 14:13, Hebrews 4:1-11
Hebrews 11:10-16, Hebrews 13:14
Isaiah 65:17, 66:22, 2 Peter 3:13
Matthew 19:27-28, Ephesians 1:10
Isaiah 60, Ephesians 1:10-22

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think Heaven will be like? Is there one thing or activity or element you hope will be there?
2. Have you thought about the fact that your eternal design includes a human body? Discuss some “clues” the Bible tells us about Jesus’ resurrected body to get some ideas about what your body will be like, and be able to do.
3. Discuss the “Present Heaven”. Compare it to the permanent “New Heaven/New Earth”.
4. Discuss anything new you discovered from the reading guide scriptures for this week.