

99. The Book of Revelation—21:5-6

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Revelation 21:1–4 (NKJV)

¹ Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Heaven will be the absence of all the negatives—an existence where there won't be any death or pain or sorrow of any kind—total freedom from the hardships His people endured on the earth during their lives.

Now there are some who I have heard say things like—*"Well, when I see God He's got some explaining to do...I'm going to give Him a piece of my mind..."*

Folks, those are the words of the ignorant (unsaved) or the immature (very young and carnal in Christ).

Rather, we see maturity in the words of Job (explain what he had taken from him in one day):

Job 1:20-22 (NKJV)

²⁰ Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. ²¹ And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord." ²² In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.
[This is the heart of someone who really knows and walks with God]

Revelation 21:5 (NKJV)

⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

"Behold, I make all things new"—The Greek is: *"Behold I am making all things new."*

In other words, once God makes everything new—He will continue to keep it all new. The idea being that things will never wear out and grow old—God will keep them perpetually young and fresh and new.

The reason for that—*"...there shall be no more curse"* (Revelation 22:3).

The Fall of man brought the curse which included certain physical laws that were brought to bear—in particular the second law of thermodynamics that deals with entropy (the degree of disorder in a system).

Entropy was the result of sin where now everything in creation is going from order to disorder, from integration to disintegration, from young to old—things are wearing out, growing old, rusting, dying, decaying etc.

But in the eternal state the curse will finally and forever be removed—including all entropy as God continually keeps everything new.

Henry Morris—

“Presumably this means not only that everything will be made new but also that everything will then stay new. The entropy law will be “repealed.” Nothing will wear out or decay, and no one will age or atrophy anymore...All things will be and remain eternally new, just as they were in the week of creation itself.”

I believe this will also apply to our feelings with regard to our surroundings in heaven—including our activities in heaven like our perpetual worship of God—the millionth time will be just as glorious and fresh as the first time! In other words, we will never get bored of heaven nor of the worship of our God in heaven!

Some believe, and I tend to agree with them, that everyone in heaven will look like they’re around 30 years old—why 30 years old?

- *When Adam and Eve were created, they were created mature and able to produce children immediately—I think they were right at age 30.*
- *In the O.T. the priests couldn’t serve in the Temple until they were 30—and we will be a “kingdom of priests to our God.”*
- *Joseph was 30 when he was made ruler in Egypt.*
- *David became king over all of Israel at age 30—and we will reign with the Son of David, Jesus Christ.*
- *Even Jesus Himself entered His earthly ministry at 30.*

Revelation 21:5 (NKJV)

⁵Then He who sat on the throne said, "**Behold, I make all things new.**"...

Now by the time this statement comes true (the eternal state)—before that God will have already made us brand new (physically) at the Rapture—and now He makes the rest of (inanimate) creation brand new as well—

Romans 8:18-23 (NKJV)

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; ²¹because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

Revelation 21:5 (NKJV)

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When Jesus gave John this assignment, he was still on the Island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea off the coast of Asia Minor (modern Turkey). But history records for us that he was about to be released because God had one more assignment for him—to write the Book of Revelation and share it with the churches of Asia Minor.

One author put it this way—

“It’s as if God is saying, John write all of this down—put it into their hands. There is coming a day when all the struggles and strife and pain and problems will be done—they will have passed away never to return and only the peace, love, joy, satisfaction of eternal fellowship will remain.”

Revelation 21:6 (NKJV)

⁶ **And He said to me, "It is done!...**

Someone might be thinking—

➤ *“Wait a minute! Didn’t Jesus say that from the cross—‘It is done!’—So, what’s going on here?—how many times can something be done?”*

Well, that all depends on what is in view as being done.

Actually, from the cross Jesus said, *“It is finished”*—but the Greek (tetelestai) literally means *“paid in full.”*

Let me explain this by saying that—our salvation takes place on three different levels—past, present, and future.

1. **We have been saved from the penalty of sin (hell)**—that is the *“It is finished”* from the cross. Jesus paid our debt making salvation possible for us who receive Him as our Savior—and so the work of redemption is done, it is finished, it has been paid in full on the cross of Christ.

I feel sorry for those Christians who have been taught and believe that what Jesus actually said from the cross was—*“It is almost done. It is almost finished. I did My part now you have to do your part to fulfill the work of your salvation—by going to church, lighting candles, praying the rosary, keeping sacraments. All of that is necessary to finish the work I started for you on the cross, allowing you to go to heaven someday”* (Galatians 3:1-3)

2. **We are being saved from the power of sin (sanctification—1 Corinthians 1:18)**—this starts right after we’re saved and continues for the rest of our Christian lives here on earth.

It will be *completed* or *done* at the moment of the Rapture—

Philippians 1:6 (NKJV)

⁶ being confident of this very thing, that He who has **begun** a good work in you will **complete it** until the day of Jesus Christ;

1 John 3:2 (NKJV)

² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

3. **We will be saved from the presence of sin**—this is the **“It is done”** of Revelation 21:6—we know that because:

Revelation 22:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

“**But outside**”—outside in the outer darkness, in the Lake of Fire (Hell)

Revelation 21:6 (NKJV)

⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End...**

Here Jesus calls Himself—‘**the Alpha and the Omega**’ (the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet)—interpreted by the phrase ‘**the Beginning and the End.**’

This identifies the speaker as the Lord Jesus Christ—as He was introduced to us in the first chapter of this book (1:8).

The ‘**First and the Last**’ and the ‘**Alpha and the Omega**’ are clearly titles belonging to Yahweh alone—

Isaiah 41:4 (NLT)

⁴ Who has done such mighty deeds, summoning each new generation from the beginning of time? It is I, the LORD, the First and the Last. I alone am he.”

Isaiah 44:6 (NLT)

⁶ This is what the LORD says—Israel’s King and Redeemer, the LORD of Heaven’s Armies: “I am the First and the Last; there is no other God.

Revelation 21:6 (NKJV)

⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

I will give of the fountain of the water of life [i.e., ‘living water’] freely to him who thirsts.

John 4:1–14 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John ² (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), ³ He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. ⁴ But He needed to go through Samaria. ⁵ So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Now Jacob’s well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” ⁸ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. ⁹ Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.” ¹¹ The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? ¹² Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?” ¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

John 7:37–39 (NKJV)

³⁷ On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living

water.”³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Revelation 22:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

The invitation to be a citizen of heaven is offered to everyone—the only prerequisite is that you be thirsty—

One author defines this as—

“Nothing on earth satisfies — not wealth, fame, pleasure, or possessions. There is only one thing that can quench the deep thirst of the soul, and that is God Himself. People who thirst after God are promised that they shall drink of the water of the spring of life...Drinking and thirst are common pictures of God's supply and man's spiritual need; drinking is an action, but an action of receiving - like faith, it is doing something, but it is not a meritorious work in itself.

These are the ones God calls "overcomers." The overcomers will "inherit all this," all that God has newly created.”

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