

28. The New Earth

On the new earth, in which righteousness dwells, God will provide an eternal home for the redeemed and a perfect environment for everlasting life, love, joy, and learning in His presence. For here God Himself will dwell with His people, and suffering and death will have passed away. The great controversy will be ended, and sin will be no more. All things, animate and inanimate, will declare that God is love; and He shall reign forever. Amen.

God is planning a wonderful home for His children right here on this earth. There will be no unrighteousness or problems or unfulfilled needs there for God Himself will supply everything.

- Jesus is even now preparing a home for us. John 14:3
- The splendour of what God has prepared is beyond imagination. 1 Corinthians 2:9
- The Holy City, He is preparing, will descend from heaven at the close of the millennium and will be the capital of the new earth. Revelation 21:2-3, 10-27
- There will be only righteousness there. 2 Peter 3:13
- There will be no problems there. Isaiah 35, 65:17-25
- There will be no death, sorrow, or pain. Revelation 21:4-7
- God, Himself, will be there. Revelation 21:1-3
- Everything we need will be provided and we will continue to work, worship, learn, grow, and accomplish. Revelation 22:1-5; Isaiah 65:21-22

This ideal situation, with God reigning and providing for us, will endure forever.

- God's kingdom is eternal. Revelation 11:15
- The righteous will inherit this kingdom and reign with Christ. Matthew 5:5, 25:34; Revelation 3:21; Daniel 7:27
- God Himself will be here on this earth with us. Revelation 22:1-4
- The whole universe will rejoice with the redeemed. Revelation 19:6-7

Personal Application

-  Why will the whole universe rejoice when sin is eradicated from earth?
-  Am I looking forward to living eternally with God? If so, why? If not, why not?
-  I am glad Jesus is preparing a home for me. I am eagerly looking forward to living with Him. I do not want to disappoint Him or myself by failing to prepare to live there.

Commitment

- Father, I come to You to surrender my life totally into Your care so that I may live with You eternally.