

HOPE FOR HUMANITY

REVELATION TODAY

PRESENTATION 21 • THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

A 17th-Century Spanish philosopher once said, (**SLIDE • QUOTE**) “God denied to men the faculty of flight so that they might lead a quiet and tranquil life, for if they knew how to fly they would always be in perpetual danger.” A man named “Juan Caramuel y Lobkovitz” said that. In God’s eyes, it’s better for us not to fly. It is thought by some that (**SLIDE • DAVINCI**) Leonardo DaVinci built an ornithopter, a machine with flapping wings that kind of resembled the anatomy of birds. The man who painted the (**SLIDE • MONA LISA**) Mona Lisa—on wood, not on canvas: the Mona Lisa is painted on a poplar plank, and it’s only about “this” big—the man who painted the (**SLIDE • LAST SUPPER FRESCO**) Last Supper—again, not a canvas but a Fresco—this man was quite a student of flight. But of course, he never flew. So people have been at this for some time.

Now, a century before Mr Lobkovitz made his emphatic statement, a boy named John Williams—who later became the Archbishop of York—attempted to fly by leaping off the walls of (**SLIDE • CONWAY CASTLE**) Conway Castle, in Northern Wales, about 20 miles in a straight line from Liverpool. This was in the last 1500s. He was apparently wearing a long, billowing coat, but his daring leap did not meet with the success he had hoped for, assuming the story is factual. If it’s not, then at least we have good reason to warn our children to keep their feet on the ground. But later it was the (**SLIDE • WRIGHT BROTHERS**) Wright Brothers—Wilbur and Orville—who did what had thereto been impossible. The brothers had owned a bicycle sales and repair shop in (**SLIDE • DAYTON**) Dayton, Ohio, and they even manufactured their own brand of bike. It was on December 17, 1903 that they became the first people to SLIDE Wright plane successfully fly a heavier-than-air airplane at (**SLIDE • KILL DEVIL HILLS ON MAP**) Kitty Hawk, or Kill Devil Hills, on North Carolina’s outer banks. Now, some contend that it was a man named Richard Pearse who flew first, a little before the Wright Brothers, but seeing as he’s from (**SLIDE • NEW ZEALAND**) New Zealand, you don’t hear too much about that.

But once people got flying, there was no stopping them. Only 24 years later (**SLIDE • LINDBERG**) Charles Lindberg became the first person to fly non-stop across the (**SLIDE • ATLANTIC OCEAN**) Atlantic Ocean, although it might be hard to imagine how you could cross the Atlantic AND stop. It took him 33 and 1/2 hours to fly from (**SLIDE • NEW YORK**) to Paris New York to Paris.

SLIDE • AMELIA EARHART. Amelia Earhart became the first woman to pilot across the Atlantic just 5 years later. (**SLIDE • JET**) Jets began flying in 1939, Chuck Yeager flew faster than the speed of sound in 1947, Yuri (**SLIDE • GAGARIN**) Gagarin orbited the Earth in 1961. (**SLIDE • JOHN GLENN**) John Glenn—later, Senator John Glenn—circled the Earth three times in 1962. (**SLIDE • MOON LANDING**) Neil Armstrong became the first human to set foot on the Moon on July 20, 1969. He took “one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.” But now? (**SLIDE • SPACE SHUTTLE**) The Space Shuttle went up and came back numerous times, and that’s now history. In fact, (**SLIDE • SHUTTLE CREW**) John Glenn went back to space in a space shuttle mission in 1998. (**SLIDE •**

ROCKET) Now rockets go up into space and come back down, and NOW there's talk that astronauts will travel to (**SLIDE • MARS**) Mars. Just how far will it go? Well, the fact is, it'll go a whole lot further than that.

SLIDE • JOHN 14:1–3. "Let not your heart be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house there are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you." Then Jesus said, "I go and prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again to receive you unto Myself, so that where I am, there you may be also."

So look at that! One day people are going to go to heaven. No, I've never seen it. I've never been there. I've not ever seen photos of heaven. Even the (**SLIDE • TELESCOPE**) Hubble telescope hasn't taken pictures of heaven. But millions and millions of people believe there's a (**SLIDE • SPACE**) heaven, and not one of them have been, they've never watched the heaven webcam online. All we have as evidence for the existence of Heaven is what's written here, ink on paper, in a book that we (**SLIDE • BIBLE**) call the Bible.

Is there evidence that there's really a Heaven? Let's go to the Bible and find out what it says. In John 6:51 Jesus said, (**SLIDE • JOHN 6:51**) "I am the Living Bread which came down from Heaven." Jesus was convinced that Heaven was a real place, and if Jesus was convinced, we can be convinced, too. John the Baptist said (**SLIDE • MATTHEW 3:2**) "the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" so He believed it too. (**SLIDE • JESUS**) Jesus used the word "heaven" about 18 times in the Sermon on the Mount, He referred to (**SLIDE • MATTHEW 10:32**) "My Father who is in heaven". In Mark 1, we read that (**SLIDE • MARK 1:11**) "a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Angels reported there is a heaven. In Acts 1:11 they say, (**SLIDE • ACTS 1:11**) "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." 20 of the New Testament's 27 books mention heaven, and the book of (**SLIDE • REVELATION**) Revelation uses the word "heaven" 55 times. Or 56, depending on how you count.

If there's actually no heaven, imagine the implications. That would mean this (**SLIDE • MONEY**) Earth is all you have. Imagine that! But imagine if there IS a heaven. Oh, now we're talking. That would mean there's something after this life, after this world. Let's go back to what Jesus said, something we saw before. (**SLIDE • JESUS**) He spoke about heaven—"In my Father's house there are many mansions. I will come again and receive you to myself"—and He began with the words, "Let not your heart be troubled." He knew that His disciples were living a difficult existence. They had attached themselves to a man who was an outcast. They had left their jobs to follow this man, and they met with constant opposition. Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled."

At the same time, Jesus knew life was going to become a whole lot more difficult for them than it presently was. He said, "Let not your heart be troubled." And Friend, God says to you tonight, when you are facing difficult times, God says, "Let not your heart be troubled." Yes, if you're badly affected by the pandemic, "Let not your heart be troubled." If you're facing job loss or economic trouble, His message is still the same. "Let not your heart be troubled." Jesus isn't saying that your situation is nothing, or that you shouldn't be bothered, or that it isn't a struggle. But He's saying, "Let not your HEART be troubled." And you see, this is the assurance Jesus gives us. These are His words. He said, (**SLIDE • MATTHEW 28:20**) "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." He said, (**SLIDE • MATTHEW 11:28–30**) "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find

rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” (SLIDE • JEREMIAH 29:11) And look at these words. “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” And to whom did God speak those words? He spoke them to Israel, when Israel was about to enter into Babylonian captivity. You’re going away into oppression for seven decades, and God says, “I have these great thoughts towards you, thoughts of peace, thoughts about you having a great future.” Those are God’s thoughts towards you right now, no matter what you’re going through, because God says, “We’re not done yet. Let not your heart be troubled. There is plenty ahead. The best is yet to come.” HEAVEN is ahead! One day we’re going to get out of this world and go to the place that we can really call home.

Does this really work? Is it for real? Or was Karl Marx right when he said, “It is the opium of the people.” Marx was saying that faith in God provides illusory happiness, and he felt faith in God was harmful. Well, I’d love to be able to tell Karl Marx this but I can’t as he’s sleeping in a (SLIDE • KARL MARX) grave in Highgate Cemetery in North London. I’d love to be able to tell him that faith in God would provide eternal happiness, fulfillment in life. But Marx is dead. He died at the age of 64. Meanwhile God is still alive and well. (SLIDE • HOSPITAL) Not too long ago there was a man who was battling cancer. He was in a real fight for his life. He said, “There are few things in this world that you can count on. One of them is faith in God and the other is that Jesus died to save sinners.” His life was slipping through his fingers and he is able to say it’s alright, (SLIDE • BIBLE) “because I have eternity to look forward to. It’s alright, because the best is yet to come. It’s alright, because Heaven awaits.” One day we will enter the abode of the redeemed and we won’t be thinking back on our hardships. We’ll just be saying, “Hallelujah! God was right! Jesus is our Savior! And we are in the right place now and forever.” What do you say tonight?

The fact is, we need help. Human beings are broken. You’ll read about people, even Christians who fall. It’s sad, it’s a shame, but we mustn’t make the mistake of pointing the finger and being terribly critical, because there but for the grace of God go we. But God says He can save the weak. Through Jesus, there is hope for you. Did you know that? Jesus didn’t even come into the world to save the strong. He didn’t come to save the good. He came to save sinners—the broken, the faulty, the failing, the weak. The Apostle Paul prayed that God would relieve a serious burden. He prayed. He says he prayed three times, and then God spoke. (SLIDE • 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9) “And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Do you like that? Jesus came to save the weak! If you want to go to heaven, all you have to be is “weak!” Too many people are trying to be good enough, strong enough, deserving enough, without realizing they’re trying to get water to go uphill. Trying to fly like that young boy who leaped off the wall of Conway Castle. Here’s what God offers us.

We’ll look at the experience of Paul, who said in Philippians chapter 3, (SLIDE • PHILIPPIANS 3:3) “For we... have no confidence in the flesh.” There were people in Paul’s day, a lot of them, who wanted to include works of the flesh into the work of salvation. Specifically at that time, old Jewish rites such as circumcision. Paul says, No, nothing like that needs to come into the plan of salvation. We don’t trust in the flesh. And not just circumcision—but ANYTHING I can do to contribute to my own salvation, anything I can do to make myself good enough for salvation, anything I can do to earn salvation in any way. We can have no “confidence in the flesh” like that. But then Paul says, (SLIDE • PHILIPPIANS 3:4) “Though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so.” So why would Paul say that if anyone has anything to brag about, to recommend to God, he has “more so”? He explains. (SLIDE • PHILIPPIANS

3:5–6) “Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.” Not many people get to say they are “blameless” concerning the requirements of the law. The laws that Paul had to follow back then, they were rigid, they were many, they were demanding, but he’s able to say, “I am blameless when it comes to the law.” But instead of doubling down and puffing out his chest and saying that this obedience to the law sets him up to be holy in the sight of God, Paul says really the exact opposite.

SLIDE • PHILIPPIANS 3:7. “But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.” Loss?! Why would they be loss! He explains. **(SLIDE • PHILIPPIANS 3:8)** “Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.” His accomplishments are rubbish, he says. “Dung,” in the King James version. Without Christ, all of his goodness was not worth mentioning. And here is where Paul states his great desire. **(SLIDE • PHILIPPIANS 3:9)** “And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.” Now THIS is transformational. THIS is where a life changes. Paul says, “I don’t want my own righteousness, which is all I can get by myself and by my obedience.” He says, “I want the righteousness I get through faith in Christ—the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD which I get BY FAITH! Now let’s think about that. Because that is some remarkable righteousness. Paul says that you may receive the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD. That is astonishing. Imagine being filled with that righteousness. Imagine being covered by THAT righteousness. The fact is, it’s the ONLY righteousness you can have if you want to go to heaven. If you want to have everlasting life. The only righteousness that qualifies us for heaven is the righteousness of God. And YOU can have it. EASY. How? By faith. God will GIVE you His own righteousness. That’s how the plan of salvation works. You come to God through faith in Jesus. When God takes your sin, He gives you HIS righteousness. And you receive it by faith. By believing.

It’s easy to feel like a failure as a believer in Jesus, for the simple fact that every one of us has failed! Professional golfer Bryson DeChambeau figured in one **(SLIDE • GOLFER)** tournament there was no way he could possibly make the cut. That is, he didn’t think he had played well enough in the first two rounds to qualify to make the final two rounds. So he left the golf course and flew home to Texas. When he left he was in 90th position, and only 65 players were going to make the cut. But so many players carded bad scores that he DID end up making the cut. The problem was, he was on his way back to Texas! So at 2:45 the next morning he got back on a plane, flew to Charlotte, North Carolina and drove to the course.

SLIDE • ANOTHER GOLF SCENE. And he played so well he finished the tournament tied for 9th and earned \$229,000! He quit the tournament thinking he had no hope, and ended up with a top-10 finish. A lot of people do similarly in their spiritual lives. They think there’s no hope, and quit, not realizing there’s ALWAYS hope for a sinner. Jesus said in Mark 2:17, “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” If you’re a sinner, you don’t want to give up. What would that accomplish? Instead you hang on, and trust in Jesus to save you. That’s what He’s promised to do. What if every golfer who had a bad round gave up the game? There’d be no golfers left. But after a tough day on the course you head back out there confident that you’ll improve. For the Christian, it’s a matter of knowing that Jesus doesn’t give up on you, and will live His life in you. You might have a rough day, but you’re learning more and more to cooperate with the working of the Holy Spirit. If you ever feel like you’re not going to make the cut, look in faith to your Savior.

And now verse 10. **(SLIDE • PHILIPPIANS 3:10–11)** “That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.” If I want to attain the resurrection, Paul said, If I want to wake up when Jesus returns, then I need this righteousness, and not my own.

And so where do you think that leaves, “What’s wrong with...?” Where does that leave, “Everyone’s doing it”? Where does that leave, “I don’t see the problem with...?” That just disappears, because now you’re saying, I want to simply surrender my life to Jesus. And what’s the alternative? Someone is going to occupy the throne of your heart. And it will be either you, or Jesus. Now, one thing you can’t afford to factor out is **(SLIDE • GROWTH)** GROWTH. People see flaws in their Christian experience and they will often conclude that they’re not really Christians. That is more than likely not the case. It might just be that you’re GROWING. Let yourself grow. Yes, you may be a little impatient with your spiritual growth, but you have to grow. You want to be the finished product overnight, but you have to GROW! You’ll have real battles to fight, as you learn to surrender your bad temper to God, your lust to God, your impatience to God, your gossip to God, your drinking alcohol to God. So look at what Paul said—same author—when he wrote to the church in Rome.

He said in **(SLIDE • ROMANS 6:11)** “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Dead to sin, alive to God through Jesus. And then he wrote, **(SLIDE • ROMANS 6:16)** “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” And this is what people miss. You want to go to heaven, but you look at yourself and all your sinful behavior and your flaws and your faults, and some people say, “I can carry on sinning with impunity until Jesus comes back but I got saved and so that’s okay.” Well, of course not. But what’s just as damaging is when people say, “I’ve got to get myself ready for heaven. I’ve got to get rid of this sin. I’ve got to try harder, pray more, fast more...” Of course praying and fasting is good. No doubt. But it isn’t through praying more that you’re going to get prepared for heaven, It’s through prayer AND surrendering your life to Jesus. Someone cuts you off in traffic, you want to yell, you need to YIELD. Someone backs into your car in the parking lot, you want to yell, you need to YIELD. God will take your vocal cords and make them a channel of blessing. You see something on a web page, and you’re tempted to click, but instead of following that impulse, YIELD! Send a prayer up to God. Like Peter did. “Lord, save me! I feel myself sinking. Save me!” And God does! Remember this. **(SLIDE • 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13)** “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.” You feel the compulsion to drink alcohol, and you know it’s not God’s will. It’s not God’s will for you to damage your mind, to cloud your thinking, to drink something that is cancer-causing. That’s not God’s will. Lose control, drive drunk, act the fool. When you’re staring at that bottle, you pray to God. You YIELD! Surrender! That’s what you do! And God takes your heart, and God changes your impulses, and God gives you grace, and God puts heaven’s power into your heart. Jesus doesn’t just place His righteousness over you, He brings His righteousness into you. And you grow. You failed? Don’t give up. You’re growing! You mess up again? God is merciful. Haven’t you read that? You don’t think you could go a day without smoking? Okay—go a minute, and lean on God and go another minute. You can’t go five minutes without your thoughts going to some bad place? Of course you can’t—but let me ask you: Can Jesus do that in you? YES! You’ve got something to thank God for! Heaven isn’t for good people—it’s for HOLY people. And Jesus will enter your life, give you HIS holiness, and grow you more and more and more as you approach the gates of pearl. Jesus talked

about the work of His grace in your life as being like a seed that grows. First the blade. Then the ear. Then the full corn in the ear. Breathe the atmosphere of heaven when you pray. Receive the Holy Spirit into your life. Yield—and GROW! And believe God gives you His righteousness, because that's what He does.

Now as we talk about heaven, I should point out that in the Bible, there's three different ways the word "heaven" is used. (**SLIDE • SKY**) The Bible talks about the birds that fly in the heavens. So, the air, you could say—that's the heavens.

SLIDE • STARS. God told Abraham He would multiply his descendants as the stars of the heavens. So out there in space where the stars are, that's the heavens as well. (**SLIDE • MATTHEW 5:16**) And Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

In heaven. So, so you've got heaven where the birds fly, and heaven where the stars are, and Heaven where God lives. The heaven we want to go to is a physical place, a real place.

We go there when Jesus returns to take us to heaven.

SLIDES • 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16–17 says, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Can you imagine the reunions that are going to take place? Can you imagine being reunited with your parents—in heaven? Can you imagine seeing friends? Children? Babies! Oh, come on, now. Can you imagine the reunions that will take place?

SLIDE • CEMETERY. In this earth, we farewell our loved ones. And it was never meant to be this way. Death is an intruder. And you visit cemeteries and see grave markers saying that a child died. The child who died, parents will see again. The grandparents who died that who you hardly even knew, you get to see them again! Life doesn't end here in this world. There is an eternity stretching before us and a Heaven to enjoy. What a reunion! Bible says the dead in Christ shall rise! Thank God for that.

SLIDE • 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9 says, "But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." Paul borrowed that from the prophet Isaiah who said that in Isaiah chapter 64.

So imagine what it'll be like. Well, it's better than that! Your wildest dreams? Better than that! Imagine the most incredible place. It's better than that! It's as good as it gets! You'll never get bored, you'll never wish you were somewhere else, you'll never be dissatisfied. It will be created for your benefit, your blessing, and your joy. Try as we might, you can't imagine it. It's better than your best vacation. It's better than your dream home. It's better than the most beautiful place you've ever seen.

SLIDE • REVELATION 4:1. "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven."

SLIDE • REVELATION 4:2. "And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne."

SLIDE • DANIEL. John saw God's throne and God Himself. So did Daniel. In Daniel chapter seven, Daniel wrote and he said there he saw God the Father, the Ancient of Days; he saw God's clothing,

white as snow; he saw God's hair, pure as wool; he saw God's throne, a fiery flame; he saw the wheels of the throne, a burning fire; and he saw great multitudes of angels in this place that was undoubtedly Heaven.

SLIDE • REVELATION 11:19. "And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament."

Now, that's important. Inside the Ark of the Covenant is the Ten (**SLIDE • TEN COMMANDMENTS**) Commandments. So when we're thinking about this, if we were ever wondering about the validity or the perpetuity or the relevance of the Ten Commandments, we know that they exist in Heaven inside the Ark of the Covenant. They are as important as they have ever been.

Now what's Jesus doing in heaven?

SLIDE • HEBREWS 8:1-2. "We have such a high priest who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the majesty in the Heavens. A minster of the, of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord erected." Jesus ministers in heaven as a priest.

SLIDE • COURTROOM. In Heaven, right now, we have a lawyer. His name is Jesus. He invites us to come to him because we have been accused of crimes we DID commit. But Jesus is in Heaven appearing before God for you. You're guilty, but God will pardon you and let you go free. Amen!

SLIDE • EARTH. Heaven's focus is on this earth. Think of how vast the universe is. Our earth is an infinitesimally small speck in this massive universe, and yet Heaven is concerned with what is happening here. Jesus' focus is not only here, but it's on you. Because while the wages of sin is death, God is offering you life. The Lawyer is at work for you in heaven!

And we can look beyond heaven!

SLIDE • 2 PETER 3:13. "Nevertheless, we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells."

SLIDE • REVELATION 21:2. "I, John, saw the holy city New Jerusalem coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride for her husband." Now, you read in the book of Zechariah, Jesus will come down, His feet will touch the earth, and the Mount of Olives will become a plain. And the New Jerusalem is going to sit right there where the Mount of Olives was.

The earth will be made new and God will relocate His capital city to the scene of Heaven's greatest triumph.

SLIDE • CRUCIFIXION. God sees you as being as valuable as the life of Jesus. And that Jesus is coming back one day to take you to be with God. You want to go to Heaven? Not nearly as much as God wants you to go.

SLIDE • REVELATION 22:1-2. "He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street and on either side of the river was the Tree of Life."

SLIDE • REVELATION 21:3. "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."

This Earth struggles with tragedy and loss. We deal with diseases for which we can't find a cure. But the Bible says that in Heaven, the inhabitants shall not say, "I am sick." One day, you'll be able to

throw your medication away because Jesus is coming back to take you to a place where everybody is healthy.

SLIDE • REVELATION 21:4. “God will wipe away their tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any pain for the former things are passed away.”

This earth represents Satan’s best effort and Satan’s final shot. Soon, there’ll be no more devil and no more devilment.

SLIDE • REVELATION 22:5. “There will be no night there.” No night! “They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light and they shall reign forever and ever.” The glory of the Father and the Son illuminates the New Jerusalem.

We will build houses and inhabit them in the earth made new. We will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

The Bible says that the new earth is going to be so wonderful that

SLIDE • ISAIAH 11:6. “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.” Isn’t that a beautiful picture?

God says, (**SLIDE • ISAIAH 11:9**) “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.” or destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord.” Friend, you can have it, you can be there, you can dwell in this place where the streets are made of gold, where the flowers never fade. How? Let me tell you.

SLIDE • EPHESIANS 2:8. “For by grace, you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God.” Friend, God holds out eternity to you and you can have it by faith. Grace forgives you and cleanses you, and you accept it by faith.

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Friend, if you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, don’t wonder! “Will I ever be in Heaven?” Thank God! “Thank you that I will be in Heaven.” Don’t hope. Believe!

SLIDE • REVELATION 22:14. “Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”

We’re going into that city!

SLIDE • SPACE. A few decades back, a Soviet cosmonaut traveled up into space, he said, “I flew up here into the heavens and I did not see God.”

One day we’re going up through the heavens, and we are going to see Jesus, and we’re going to say, “I am in my Father’s house.”

SLIDE • PYRAMIDS.

You know the Egyptians when they buried their Pharaohs in the pyramids, they prepared them for the afterlife. They believed that they were going to go on living. When Tutankhamun’s tomb was discovered, they found flowers and chairs and chariots and all manner of things, because they figured that where he was going, he would need some of that. Let me tell you, where we are going,

we will need NONE of that. And I say thank God. We are going to our Father's house up there. We'll spend the time in Heaven above, then God brings us back to this earth where we dwell with the redeemed and with Jesus Himself throughout eternity's ceaseless ages. Jesus is coming back soon.

There is a place for you in the Father's heart right now, tonight. And there is a place for you in Heaven right now, tonight. In my Father's house are many mansions. Claim yours tonight. Heaven is for real. And then we travel back here to an earth made new, my friend, it is as good as it gets.

It's reality, not a myth! A real place, that you want to be. I want to see you there. God wants you to be there!

SLIDE • SECOND COMING. Do you want to go? It's a matter of simple faith. God has bought your ticket. Jesus died on the cross that you might be there with Him. Now faith in Jesus lays hold on this precious gift and makes it yours forever.

Look towards the heavens with faith. Not with trembling and wondering, but with confidence and certainty. Know that Jesus is coming back to take you to be with Him forever. He's coming back soon. If you're willing to go, one day we'll all go together. What a day of rejoicing that will be!

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