

The Declaration from Heaven

Series: Heaven – Part 4

Text: Revelation 21:3-8

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I. GOD’S PERMANENT PRESENCE (v. 3)

- A. The permanent presence of God is seen in the words “tabernacle” and “dwell.” Believers will see His face (*Rev. 22:4a*)
- B. Believers will dwell with God, and He with them.

II. GOD’S PITY (v. 4)

- A. God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.
- B. God will eliminate death.
- C. God will eliminate sorrow.
- D. God will eliminate crying.
- E. God himself will be with them and be their God.

III. GOD’S POWER (v. 5)

- A. God’s power is expressed in the words “Behold, I make all things new!”
- B. God will keep His word and promises to the end. Note the phrase “it is done” in verse 6 (*John 17:24*)
- C. God will fulfill this prayer request, and He and His people will dwell together, and the people of God will behold the glory of the Lord (*Rev. 21:23; 22:4*)

IV. GOD’S PROVISION (v. 6-7)

- A. The water of life represents eternal sustenance and provision (*Rev. 22:12*)
- B. Overcomers will inherit everything God has promised.

V. GOD’S PUNISHMENT (v. 8; *Rev. 20:11-15*)

- A. The listing of those who will experience the second death
 - 1) The fearful – the timid, cowards (*Matt. 10:32-33*)
 - 2) The unbelieving – the incredulous, which means disbelieving, distrustful, dubious
 - 3) The term abominable means to abhor, detest, or render foul.
 - 4) Murderers – those who willfully, deliberately, and intentionally commit premeditate murder
 - 5) Whoremongers – a man who prostitutes his body to another’s lust for hire. Someone who indulges in unlawful sexual sins, a fornicator.

- 6) Sorcerers – From the Greek word “pharmakon” – a drug, a spell-giving potion. A poisoner, that is, by extension, a magician. Also this refers to those who converse with demons.
 - 7) Idolaters are worshippers of false gods, covetous individuals who worship Mammon (a false object of worship or devotion).
 - 8) ALL liars – the term liars refers to those who are deceitful, untrue, erroneous, or false.
- B. The certainty of their fate (v. 8 – *“shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.”*)