

When I Get to Heaven

There are certain things I look forward to seeing in Heaven when I get there. Someone says, “Brother Miles, you say ‘WHEN’ you get to heaven. Are you not being too cocky?”

No indeed!

I would be if I were depending on myself for eternal life, but the truth is that on my best day, I am a wretch saved by grace. I’ve been bought and paid for by the precious blood of Jesus. I’m, therefore, safe and secure in Christ. He is my safety and security. That’s why I say WHEN I get to Heaven and if you are a believer, you can say it too.

There are things I’d like to see in Heaven. For example, there are the radiant crowns of pure gold that the elders wear (Revelation 4:4). Then there’s a river, a crystal-clear river. (Revelation 22:1). What must that look like? Then the Throne, the very Throne of Grace from where His Sovereign majesty loving rules and reigns. And as I kneel in awe and gaze upon the majestic rainbow around it. (Revelation 4:3) I’d remember that I want to see and understand why there is a sea of glass mixed with fire. (Revelation 15:2-3).

I also look forward to contemplating the brilliance of the costly stones and crystal-clear jasper that are in use everywhere. I’ll delight to see the twelve gates (Revelation 21:12) and the twelve foundations. (Revelation 21:14). The foundations of those gates are garnished with all manner of precious stones.

The first foundation is jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprasus; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. (See Revelation 21:19-20). Totally amazing!

Then I’d make sure to hear the music. John says he heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder and heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps. (Revelation 14:2-3). I can only imagine what those harpers must sound like. It will be utterly stunning.

There’s also a street constructed of pure gold. Walking on gold! I think that, when I stand there, I will be abandoned to astonished speechlessness (Revelation 21:21) for as I consider these things, I’ll be surrounded by the indestructible splendour of eternity.

But magnificent as all these things are, the great attraction of Heaven for me will be JESUS. The great desirability of heaven will neither be the prophets, apostles, martyrs; nor “the general assembly and Church of the first-born, whose names are written in heaven.”

Much as I look forward to seeing the place where there is no sickness and death and where tears never fall, the main attraction will neither be the splendour nor the song of the redeemed but JESUS HIMSELF.

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He will be the one grand and glorious object of universal attraction and delight. There's an old saying I fully endorse which says, "Were I in heaven without my God, it were no heaven to me."

So true! Heaven means we will get to meet face to face with the God-man, the one who was wounded, bruised and slaughtered on our behalf. May we know Jesus as our entire salvation and desire. May He not be a stranger to us when we arrive in Glory.

The old-time preacher, Joseph Irons, said it like this,

"Heaven is where Jesus is and, consequently, I am not going to say a word about its locality. All I want to know of heaven, before I get there, and all I shall want to know of heaven, when I get there, is that I am to be with Jesus ... everlastingly with Jesus; immortal as He is ... yes, more, as safe as He is. For, He says, "Because I live, you shall live also," so that I may boldly assert that the life of a believer is as safe as the life of Christ and must be so to all eternity."

A Christian lady, on her deathbed, asked her sister to get a Bible and to read to her about Heaven. She said, "It is in the 14th chapter of John. Read it to me." So the sister turned to the 14th chapter of John and started reading:

"Let not your heart be troubled"; she stopped and asked, "Is that it?"

Her sister responded, "No, read on."

"Ye believe in God, believe also in me"; she stopped and inquired, "Is that it?"

"No, read on."

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you" ; she stopped and asked again, "Is that it?"

No, read on."

"I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself"; she stopped and asked, "Is that it?"

She said, "No, read on."

"... that where I am, there ye may be also."

She excitedly interrupted him, "Stop, that's it!" And she closed the Book.

Yes, that is what Heaven is like, it's "where I am" there ye may be also."

We are safe!