

GOD HAVING PROVIDED SOME BETTER THING FOR US

The saints do not have their portion in this life. Here we suffer, are afflicted, persecuted: we have enemies: the flesh, world, and the devil. Here wickedness and sin abounds, even more so in these last days. As we get closer and closer to that day, we need to be reminded, "This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through." We know that God did not create the world the way it is in 2008. In the beginning it was a good creation. Before Adam and Eve were formed, I'm talking before that. I'm talking about the preadamite heaven and earth. But Lucifer was lifted up with pride and wanted to be like the Most High in a perverted way, he wanted to replace him. And so God judged the original creation flooding the heavens and earth with water (2 Peter 3) and started over creating a new world and a new creature called man, who was made in God's own image. They were given a good start and a free will to choose between obeying the Lord or not. As we know Satan deceived Eve and they sinned, and brought sin and death into this world. But thank God for the blood of Christ, he is going to fix this thing and create all things new again. This time we never have to worry about sin, rebellion, or wickedness and evil ever again. God said those things will be passed away one day, and if God said it, it's true! Bless God, through the shed blood of his Son, we can get in on this thing and experience life the way it was meant to be, not just for a little while, but for ever. Here are the better things that God has provided for us in the very near future.

In Hebrews 11, we read about the great men of faith from the Old Testament. It is interesting to point out that some of these men and women listed were murderers, adulterers, harlots, liars, and rebels. Thank God for the blood of Christ that took away the sin of the world! The book of Hebrews is about better things, and we read in Hebrews 11:40 that God has provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Read Hebrews 11:33-40 God has provided some better thing for us.

11:39 Notice they had not received the promise in their lifetime.

11:13-16 They did not receive the promises in their lifetime, but saw them afar off, embraced them, and confessed they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. They desired and sought after another country. They were not mindful of this earth, this place, but did desire a better heavenly country, where God is not ashamed to be called their God and he has prepared for them a city.

13:12-14 We seek a city to come

They did not receive the promises in their lifetime BUT we certainly have (Acts 2:33, Galatians 3:14), at least one of them. We have received the Holy Ghost which was one of the promises, and he dwells in us and shall be with us for ever. Look at John 3:33. We receiving the Holy Ghost is proof that what God says is true and that what he says he will do for us, he will certainly do for us.

The Better Things that God has Provided for us:

Two Perfect Kingdoms

New Body
New Heaven and New Earth
New Jerusalem

We will now look at what the Scriptures say about these different things.

1. Two Perfect Kingdoms: The Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God

The Kingdom of God:

Forgiveness of all sins ever committed (Colossians 1:13-14)
New Mind (the mind of Christ) given (Ephesians 3:10, 1 Corinthians 2:16)
Your spirit is made alive and married to God's Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:17)
God dwells in your body and will dwell with you for ever (1 Corinthians 6:19)
Given the righteousness of Jesus Christ (Romans 4:20-25)
God's peace and joy are given unto you (John 14:27, 15:11)
... a new body that is "spiritual"

The Kingdom of Heaven:

Daniel 2:44, 7:13-14, 18, 22, 27-18 Nature of the Kingdom
Prepared for us from the beginning (Matthew 25:34)
John 18:36 Kingdom not now from here
A Holy Righteous Government headed up by Jesus Christ (Isaiah 9:6-7)
No need of police, jails, courthouses, etc: all people will be righteous (Isaiah 60:19-21)
Own your own land, eat your own food, without worrying others will steal from you
Israel the head of the nations (Isaiah 65:21-24)
Feast keeping and holy days to be kept by all nations (Isaiah 66:22-24, Zechariah 14:20-21, Colossians 2:16-17). See also Ezekiel 40-43 for 3rd Temple instructions, and Ezekiel 44-46 for Millennial information, and Ezekiel 47-48 for "eternity" info.

2. New Body

It is a body that is completely run by the Spirit (1 Corinthians 15:44, 49)
Conformed to and remade in the image of Jesus Christ (Romans 8:29)
Old man/Carnal mind eradicated for ever, only New man/mind of Christ remain (Romans 6:3-6)
Can't be damaged, feel pain, or die EVER! (Joel 2:1-11)
- The complete fulfillment of the kingdom of God as concerning the individual (Luke 9:27-36, Mark 9:1-8, Matthew 16:28-17:9)

3. New Heaven and Earth

Former life not to be remembered! (Isaiah 65:17-25)
No more death, sorrow, crying, pain EVER AGAIN! (Revelation 21:1-4)
No evil, only good and righteousness (2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21:8, 27)
No more Curse (Revelation 22:3)
No more Sea (Revelation 21:1)
Animal creation restored back to the way it was in the beginning (Isaiah 11:6-9, Isaiah 65:25)

Jews and Gentiles multiplying for ever! Not the church though (Isaiah 9:6-7, 60:18-22, Ephesians 2:1-7)

God all in all (1 Corinthians 15: 28)

4. New Jerusalem (12,000 furlongs = 1,500 miles!)

The home of the bride of Christ, Most beautiful city you could ever imagine

(Revelation 21:9-27, Hebrews 12:18-24)

Praising God with all of creation (Revelation 4-5)

Where God's throne resides (Isaiah 66:1, Revelation 22:3)

Marriage supper of the Lamb takes place there (Revelation 19:7-9)

12 Gates = names of the 12 tribes of Israel

12 Foundations = names of the 12 Apostles

No night in that city

Rivers of Water of Life proceed from the throne, Tree of Life (Revelation 22:1-4, Ezekiel 47:1-7, 12)

The Apostle Paul:

Acts 14:19-20 Paul is stoned and is caught up to the 3rd heaven.

2 Corinthians 12:1-4 Paul was caught up to paradise and heard unspeakable words that it is not lawful for a man to utter!

Romans 8:18, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 The stuff we suffer now is nothing compared to what God has provided for us! Amen!