

GOD WILL DWELL WITH US IN THE NEW EARTH

PART 11 The Second Coming of Jesus Christ

GOD HAS GIVEN US AN INDESTRUCTIBLE HOPE

Through all the increasing darkness that's creeping across the face of this world – **God gives His people an eternal hope.**

Even though there are wars ... rumours of wars ... natural disasters ... floods ... fires ... earthquakes ... pandemics ... political control ... media lies ... fake news etc ... **GOD'S INDESTRUCTIBLE & ETERNAL HOPE SHINES ACROSS THE HORIZON ... LOOMING AS LARGE AS LIFE BEYOND IT ALL ...**

Jesus said, when you see these disasters and dark times begin to come to pass ... **LOOK UP** for your redemption draws near.

(Luke 21:28)

NB: HE DIDN'T MEAN TO JUST LOOK UP TO THE HEAVENS ... HE ALSO MEANT, 'LOOK UP INTO THE FUTURE MY FATHER HAS PREPARED FOR YOU' – A BRIGHT FUTURE FULL OF BLESSING, BEYOND YOUR IMAGINATION ...

INEXHAUSTIBLE HOPE

BUT THIS HOPE IS NOT JUST BASED UPON ONE EVENT OR ONE PROMISE ... THERE ARE MANY 'EVENTS' ABOUT TO HAPPEN – 'MANY HOPES' TO HOPE FOR.

WE'VE SEEN SOME OF THESE END-TIME, GLORIOUS EVENTS:

- **There's the Hope** of Jesus coming for His people who will be caught up in the air to be with Him ... **CALLED THE BLESSED HOPE** (Titus 2:13)
- **There's The Hope** of a New Heaven and a New Earth – (A wedding present from The Father for The Bride and Groom)
- **There's The Hope** of The New Jerusalem coming Out of Heaven
- **There's the Hope** of The 'The Bride of Christ' coming down out of heaven **adorned for her Husband** – The Bride-church – for whom He died

- **But there's still another Great Hope** that happens after these events ... **POSSIBLY THE ULTIMATE HOPE** ...

WHAT IS THIS? WHAT COULD EQUAL ALL THESE THINGS?

**THIS IS THE ARRIVAL OF GOD THE FATHER HIMSELF INTO THE
NEW EARTH TO DWELL WITH US**

Revelation 21:3 Berean Study Bible **SLIDE**

*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying: "Behold, **the dwelling place of God is with man and He will dwell with them. They will be His people and God Himself will be with them as their God.**"*

SLIDE THIS IS TELLING US THAT **GOD HIMSELF IS RELOCATING TO AN EARTHLY ADDRESS – TAKING UP RESIDENCE WITH US IN A UNIQUE EARTH WHICH HE HAS RECREATED TO ENJOY WITH US.**

NB: God created Eden for man to live in and He visited man there.
(Genesis 2:8; Genesis 3:8)

BUT AT THE END, HE RECREATES THE WHOLE EARTH TO DWELL IN WITH HIS PEOPLE.

It's at this time, Jesus hands over The Kingdom to The Father.

1 Corinthians 15:24 Berean Study Bible **SLIDE**

Then the end will come, when He **[Jesus] hands over the kingdom to God the Father** after He has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

THIS IS THE ULTIMATE, GLORIOUS FINALE ... AND THIS IS THE FATHER'S TIME – THIS IS THE THING THE FATHER HAS WANTED FROM BEFORE TIME BEGAN.

We read that the prodigal son **CAME HOME TO HIS FATHER'S HOUSE** where he was received and welcomed back ... I love it ...

BUT THIS VERSE ISN'T US COMING HOME TO THE FATHER'S HOUSE ... THIS IS THE FATHER TAKING UP RESIDENCE WITH US HERE IN THE NEW EARTH ... THIS IS HUGE!!!!

WE ALWAYS THINK OF US GOING HOME TO THE FATHER'S HOUSE in Heaven after we die ... which is true and wonderful ...

Jesus spoke of **HIS FATHER'S ETERNAL HOME IN THE HEAVENS**

John 14:2

In My Father's house are many mansions ...

BUT HERE GOD MAKES HIS HOME WITH US ...

HERE ON EARTH WITH US.

GOD COMES & LIVES WITH US.

So we read,

Revelation 21:3 **SLIDE**

*... THE **DWELLING PLACE** [HABITAT] OF GOD IS WITH MEN AND HE WILL **DWELL** WITH THEM. They will be His people and God Himself will be with them as their God.*

Dwelling Place = skēnē & skenois ... used twice in this verse

The Dwelling Place [Residence] is with them and He will Dwell [reside] (same word is a verb) with them as their God ... (openly ... fully revealed)

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More correctly the last sentence should read:

And they shall be His peoples and Himself shall be **God with them**, their God. (Emmanuel – God with us)

At this point ... we can no longer pray that prayer, '*Our Father who art in Heaven*' because *He'll be here with us on Earth*

THE PURPOSE OF GOD

THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF GOD THE FATHER HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO DWELL WITH HIS PEOPLE.

HE DECLARED IT FROM THE BEGINNING.

Exodus 25:8 Berean Study Bible **SLIDE**

*And they are to make a sanctuary for Me, **so I may dwell among them.***

(Also Exodus 29:45)

- THIS WAS GOD'S DWELLING PLACE IN THE TABERNACLE

A box designed to house God's presence and placed behind a veil so He could dwell with His People and ultimately the nations on Earth ...

Ezekiel 37:27 NIV **SLIDE**

My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God and they will be My people.

YET, **NO ONE SAW GOD HIMSELF** ... & NO ONE KNEW HIM ...
GOD REMAINED HIDDEN IN THE ARK BEHIND A VEIL

- THEN THERE WAS GOD AMONG US IN JESUS
JESUS WAS OUR EMMANUEL ... GOD WITH US

Jesus revealed God as His Father ... demonstrated The Father's Love for mankind ...

YET, EVEN THOUGH JESUS WAS THE ICON OF THE FATHER ...
GOD HIMSELF REMAINED HIDDEN IN HUMAN FLESH –

'Veiled in flesh The Godhead see, Hail the incarnate deity ...
(Charles Wesley)

Jesus Himself said –

John 6:46 NIV

No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only He has seen the Father.

HOWEVER, JESUS SPOKE ABOUT THIS GLORIOUS DAY THAT WAS TO COME, WHEN 'THE FATHER' WOULD COME & DWELL WITH HIS PEOPLE

(This did not happen when Jesus was on the earth)

John 14:23 Berean Study Bible **SLIDE**

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word [not the law]. My Father will love him and We will come to him and make Our home with him."

- TODAY THERE IS GOD'S DWELLING PLACE IN THE CHURCH

Now The Church is 'The House for a habitation of God through His Spirit' (See Ephesians 2:21-22; 1 Peter 2:5)

TODAY, GOD'S PRESENCE IS FELT AND MANIFEST AMONG US ...
But even in this, God is still not fully known, because He is in Heaven.

BUT HE WILL BE FULLY KNOWN ON THE COMING DAY WHEN HE HIMSELF DWELLS WITH US.

GOD HIMSELF STILL REMAINS SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

There are so many aspects about Him we could never **know or experience** in our present state ...

ISAIAH REALISED THAT GOD WAS HIDDEN

Isaiah 45:15 Berean Study Bible **SLIDE**

Truly You are a God who hides Himself, O God of Israel, the Saviour.

Deuteronomy 29:29 NASB

The secret things belong to the LORD

OVER TIME, THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT GOD HAS ALLOWED US TO KNOW ABOUT HIM.

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT HE REVEALED ...

- HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ... IN THE LAW
- HIS HOLINESS ... IN THE TABERNACLE
- HIS MANIFESTATIONS ... HE HAS REVEALED HIMSELF IN ELEMENTS OF CREATION SUCH AS CLOUDS & FIRE & WATER & STARS etc ...
 - Moses on Mt Sinai (Exodus 19:16 & 24:15)
 - **SLIDE** The Temple cloud (Exodus 40:34)
 - The dedication of Solomon's temple (1 Kings 8:10)

BUT HE HIMSELF STILL REMAINED HIDDEN

NO ONE SAW HIM FOR WHO HE WAS HIMSELF

MOSES CRIED OUT, 'WHO ARE YOU?'

AND GOD REVEALED A TOKEN –

'I AM WHO I AM ... That's all I can reveal to you at this point in time'. (See Exodus 33:18-23)

EVEN MOSES ONLY SAW GOD'S BACK PARTS ...

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT GOD REVEALS MORE OF HIMSELF

- HIS PLAN OF REDEMPTION
- THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL OF GRACE
- HIS FATHERHOOD – OUR SONSHIP

- RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH ...

BUT HE HIMSELF STILL REMAINS HIDDEN

After Children's church Jimmy proudly told his mum, 'Mum today we learned God's name!'

'Well what is God's name' asked Mum.

It's Harold' said Jimmy 'Our father who art in heaven, 'Harold be thy name'.

So, Jimmy's little brother pipes up and says, 'Yes, mum and we also learned that God likes to do art'.

'Really' said Mum.

'Yes Mum. The Bible says, "Our Father who does art in heaven"'

IT SEEMS, THE MORE WE LEARN ABOUT GOD ... THE MORE WE REALISE ... **GOD HIMSELF REMAINS A GREAT MYSTERY**

'THE MORE I LEARN, THE MORE I REALISE I DON'T KNOW'

As The Commentator MacLaren so wonderfully says –

After all revelation, God [still] remains hidden.

Even in 'grace' God is hidden while revealed.

The conception of infinity and eternity is given us by revelation, but it is not fully comprehended so that its contents are fully known.

The Infinite and Eternal cannot be [fully] grasped by man.

SLIDE *The telescope resolves many nebulae, but only to bring more unresolvable ones into the field of vision.*

Revelation opens abysses down which we cannot look. It raises and leaves unsolved as many questions as it solves.

WE CANNOT FULLY PERCEIVE WHO GOD HIMSELF IS IN OUR CURRENT STATE ... BUT ON THAT DAY GOD HIMSELF WILL BE FULLY REVEALED

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Ezekiel 38:23 Berean Study Bible

*I will magnify and sanctify Myself and will reveal Myself in the sight of many nations. Then **they will know** that I am the LORD.*

GOD HIMSELF ... GOD AS HE IS OPENLY REVEALED

- NOT HIDDEN IN A BOX ... NOT BEHIND A VEIL ... BUT ...
GOD HIMSELF IN HIS FULLNESS ... OPENLY MANIFEST TO ALL HIS PEOPLE ...
- NOT DECLARED BY CLOUDS OR STARS IN THE HEAVENS ...
GOD HIMSELF ...
- NOT LIMITED IN HUMAN FLESH ...
GOD HIMSELF IN SPIRITUAL FORM ... 'LOVE' HIMSELF ...

GOD HIMSELF WILL BE FULLY KNOWN

1 Corinthians 13:10 & 12 NKJ & BSB **SLIDE**

... When that which is perfect has come ...

¹² *... **then we shall see face to face ... Then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.***

'THAT WHICH IS PERFECT' IS **GOD HIMSELF** OPENLY DWELLING WITH US ... THEN ...

- WE WILL SEE EACH OTHER '**FACE TO FACE**'
- WE WILL **KNOW EACH OTHER FULLY**

I shall know fully (*epignōsomai*) From *epi* and *ginosko*; to know ... by implication, to become fully acquainted with

GINOSKO is to know intimately e.g. 'Now I **know** in part'. But

EPIGINOSKO **SLIDE** is a much deeper revelation. **IT'S A LEVEL OF KNOWING WHERE THE OBJECT & THE SUBJECT BECOME ONE.**

THIS MEANS WE ARE ENVELOPED BY GOD & IMMERSSED INTO HIM

YOU THE SUBJECT BECOME ENVELOPED WITH THE OBJECT – GOD

IT'S LIKE BEING ASSIMILATED INTO ONE ... YET STILL BEING INDIVIDUAL

IMMERSSED INTO DIVINE LOVE

IN THIS PLACE WE WILL BECOME ONE WITH DIVINE LOVE

Ephesians 3:19

To know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

OUR JOY WILL BE FULL

None of us have experienced THE FULLNESS OF JOY

Psalm 16:11 **SLIDE**

*You will show me the path of life; **in Your presence is fullness of joy**; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

WHY DOES GOD DO THIS?

HE WANTS TO ENJOY THE NEW EARTH WITH US

HE WANTS TO SHARE IN OUR JOY ... HE WANTS TO ENJOY US

HOW DO WE DESCRIBE THIS LOVE HERE?

Rosa Maria ... told us she was taken away, one day, into a place that felt so beautiful she didn't want to come back even though she had a husband and children here that she loved.

When asked why she didn't want to come back she said, 'It was just so beautiful ... I was immersed in His Love'

SUPPLEMENTAL

Ephesians 1:11 Berean Study Bible

*In Him we were also **chosen as God's own**, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything by the counsel of His will.*

THIS MEANS THAT GOD'S TRUE INHERITANCE IS US ...

IT LITERALLY READS ...

'In whom we were also made His inheritance ...'

The [English Revised Version](#) brings this point out very clearly –
*In whom also **we were made a heritage ...***

THE PATIENCE OF GOD

**Consider: God has waited thousands of years since before
time began for this moment ...**

**He has held back, for all time and only NOW AT THE END OF ALL
TIME IS HE RECEIVING WHAT HE HAS ALWAYS WANTED –
TO DWELL WITH HIS PEOPLE AS HIMSELF – WITHOUT ANY
RELIGIOUS OR CEREMONIAL CONDITIONS ...
WITHOUT BELLS & INCENSE ... NO ANIMAL SACRIFICES ...
NO OPENING HYMN ... NO HAVING TO BE QUIET ...
JUST AS HE IS WITH YOU JUST AS YOU ARE**

NOW IT IS TIME FOR GOD'S JOY TO BE FULL

THE POLITENESS OF GOD

**Look at How God The Father prepared us as a bride for His Son –
Before He received His ultimate desire Himself ...
He put His Son before Himself ...**

SUCH IS HIS LOVE