

Something to Look Forward to (I)

"But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness." (2 Peter 3:13).

This is the key Bible verse for the ***"Come and See"*** devotional today.

One of the greatest sources of strength to the weak is the ability to envision or imagine what lies ahead. Even our Lord Jesus Christ was encouraged by the glimpse of what should come after his suffering. In the Bible we read: *"looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."* (Hebrews 12:2, New King James Version). The Book of Acts 1:11 (New King James Version) also recorded the hopeful message an angel of the Lord delivered to more than four hundred witnesses after Jesus was taken up to heaven from this earthly realm. He says: *"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."*

The purpose of this devotional is to look at what lies ahead even after the much-awaited Second Coming of Jesus. These are events that nobody would want to miss. For example, the Bible states: *"do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?"* (1 Corinthians 6:3, New King James Version). This is a remarkable statement and it follows that no pleasure derived from sin should ever be worth the risk of missing the experience described. Thus, how would you determine how well an angel has performed? This scenario illustrates your supremacy over all spirits: either evil or good. If the good ones shall be appraised by the saints of God, then binding the evil ones should not be an issue for you here on earth: *"..... whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven"* (Matthew 18:18a, New King James Version).

Sitting down as a judge to appraise and evaluate the angels of God, based on the performance of their duties, is an exceptional privilege that is not to be missed. One could imagine, for example, rating angels based on their ability to provide songs of worship to the King of Kings or rating them during their rehearsal or audition. No wonder Jesus asked: *"for what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"* (Mark 8:36, New King James Version).

There is nothing worth gaining in this world at the expense of your soul. You must never lose your salvation or tire of serving the Lord. There are many good things to look forward to in heaven even after the second coming of Jesus Christ. We read in the Bible: *"... 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"* (1 Corinthians 2:9, New King James Version).

Let us pray: "Father, by your unfailing mercy and power, let me not miss eternity with you in heaven," in Jesus' Mighty Name, Amen.

Bible Reference: *"And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald."* (Revelation 4:3, New King James Version).

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