

Something to Look Forward to (II)

“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.

As we continue to walk diligently with God, we should be aware that whatever lies ahead of us is beyond our imagination. In the Bible we read: *“while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”* (2 Corinthians 4:18, New King James Version). God does not do anything without a purpose. The strange encounters of John the beloved in the Island of Patmos did not just happen by chance. The Book of Revelations was essentially intended to give us something extraordinary to look forward to, especially after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. The Book gives many vivid descriptions of happenings in heaven.

For instance, concerning the beauty of God's throne, we read: *“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). Surely, nobody reading this account would want to miss seeing it.

In addition to the comfort and splendour of God's presence, there are many events we would not want to miss. The most crucial one is the final judgment of Satan and death. The Bible states: *“and the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulphur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”* (Revelation 20:10, New International Version).

Without any doubt, the devil is a very proud being and will make constant efforts to lure us all to his side through sin. He would not want mankind to witness his final irreversible fall, judgment and destruction. The happiness we feel when judges on earth deliver deserved judgments against the wicked is nothing compared to the happiness we will feel in witnessing the ultimate agonising end of Satan and his fallen angels.

Lastly, there is no wise earthly king who would want to be kept out of the eternal pleasure available in God’s Majestic Palace. King David said: *“You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”* (Psalm 16:11, New King James Version). Even David once said: *“... for a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.”* (Psalm 84:10, New King James Version). There is more to look forward to in the presence of the Almighty God.

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: *“Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.”* (Revelation 20:14, New King James Version).

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