

"Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established. The LORD shall reign for ever and ever." Exodus 15:17-18 KJV



What blessedness awaits the faithful! This short sojourn of sorrow will unfold into bountiful bliss *"in the Sanctuary!"* Heaven is not only our inheritance it is an eternal sanctuary from evil, and a place *"which [God's own] hands have established."* Jesus has *"prepared a place"* for His own in a land where we'll never grow old! What wonders do you suppose will we encounter? We will see a new Creation as God speaks it into being! Think of the infinite intricate wonders of life and the universe and contemplate observing each and every miracle unfold anew. John wrote of these things to come, *"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.' And he that sat upon the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And he said unto me, 'Write: for these words are true and faithful.'" All things new? Wow! New sights, sounds, tastes, fragrances, textures, and dimensions all created specifically to delight the KING'S children! Imagine seeing sound or hearing colour. Imagine touching flavors or smelling textures. Imagine the nuances of sense in God's sphere of existence! Never again will we need a bed or pillow. Never again to feel discomfort or pain. Never again to part in sorrow from a dear loved one. Never again to weep as we are led into the everlasting *"Joy of our Lord!"**

He leadeth me, O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be; Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me; By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me. ~ Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862

If we learn to obediently follow Truth in life, death will hold no qualms for we will simply continue to trust and follow where our Lord leads knowing it will be glorious!

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." Revelation 22:12-16 KJV