

*“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.” Psalm 100:4 KJV*



Oh, the majesty that must surround Heaven’s palace! The floor is pure transparent gold. The walls are diamond, ruby, emerald, and twelve different gem stones. Each of the twelve gates is a single glistening pearl! The Light of that City is God Himself. Diamonds and jewels glitter in the light, but we’ve never seen a jewel lit from within. We’ve never seen a jewel as large as the one we will see coming down to rest on Zion’s Hill! Can you imagine how it must appear? The Scripture tells us, *“The city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth...twelve thousand furlongs (1500mi). The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.”* All the prismatic colors of the rainbow will be exploding from within it; shining so brightly that one shall not be able to behold its beauty for more than a few moments at a time. Light so bright that there will be no more need for the sun. *“And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.”* God delights in praise and thanksgiving and loves the adoration of His people! And why not? He has given His very Life for our ransom not to mention all the daily benefits that surround us! The rain falls on the just and the unjust alike. The Scripture tells us that it’s the *“goodness of God”* that draws men to repentance. *“While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”* God *“dwells in the praises”* of His people. If you want to experience the manifested presence of God, begin to praise and thank Him for all His goodness. Soon your heart will fill with the Blessed Holy Spirit’s witness to the very presence of God! Just as you enjoy compliments, God enjoys praise from His people. When praise comes from someone we love and adore, it is sweet music to our ears! When we finally surround the throne of God we will spontaneously break into a new song! Our mouths and lips will give utterance to the gratitude that fills our hearts as we behold, at last, The Lamb who redeemed us with His very life’s Blood; Jehovah, from whose presence the mountains flee; the Almighty, whose enemies are vanquished with His spoken Word!

Have you seen the KING today?  
Did you enter Court to pray?  
Did you feel His touch caress?  
Was your soul sublimely blessed? -CGP

Our Blessed Redeemer waits for the moment when He will finally be united with His beloved. *“For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord!”* Is it any wonder that He will descend from heaven with a shout? Like Rebekah who met Isaac in the evening field, we will fly to meet our Lord in the air!

*“I will bless the LORD at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.” Psalm 34:1 KJV*