

Will Heaven Be Boring?

Psalm 16:8-11

I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ⁹Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, ¹⁰because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. ¹¹You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

I. Heaven's Time Zone

- God is the _____ of time and not governed by time.
- God has always stood _____ of time.
- Eternity must be understood as a _____ of time and not just a _____ of time.

II. Clocking In

Genesis 2:15, 19-20

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

¹⁹Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

A Look at Eden...

- _____ and _____ are both pre-fall concepts.
- God gave man a mandate that he has never completed: rule the _____ and develop a God-glorifying _____.

- Heaven will be an expanded Eden where we will _____ and _____.

Ephesians 2:6-7

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Revelation 7:15; 22:3

Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

³No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.

Heaven, the Second Eden...

- Work in heaven will be ultimately _____, completely _____, and intimately _____.
- We will approach work with the same _____, _____ and _____ as we do our favorite hobbies on earth.
- Our work in heaven will satisfy a _____ that we have only scratched the surface of.

Our Role on Earth...

- Our obedience to the earthly _____ will determine our heavenly commission.
- What you do _____ affects what you will do _____.

Matthew 25:23

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"

Revelation 14:3

And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.

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III. Worship

- We have believed a lie that sin is _____ and righteousness is _____.
- Being in the _____ of _____ will be the most exhilarating experience we will ever have.
- Our worship will be impacted as we see the _____ of our salvation.
- The deepest longing of our souls is _____.

Psalm 63:1

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

- Every pleasure of heaven will derive from and be secondary to our ability to be in God's _____.

Psalm 27:4

One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

- _____ is impossible in heaven because God is present.

Psalm 73:25

Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.