



Week 9: The Final Chapter

I. The Fear of Heaven

- Satan's goal is to keep us infatuated with this fallen _____ instead of captivated with our heavenly _____.

Revelation 13:6

He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven.

- To many people the final age is viewed as an _____ of the current age.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"—¹⁰but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

- Our _____ reflect our view of heaven.
- Most of us spend our _____, _____ and _____ attempting to carve out a little piece of heaven on earth.
- When life happens to us, we begin to question if maybe we were _____ for something else all along.

II. Facing Our Fears

Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

- Heaven is a much more _____ place.

Philippians 1:23

I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;

- Your ultimate destiny is not _____; it is a brand new _____.
- In the final _____ God will finally have his _____.

The first act of heaven will be our Father's: healing our hurts, calming our fears and satisfying our greatest disappointments.

III. The Last Call from Heaven

Revelation 21:5-8

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

⁶He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

The story of scripture from cover to cover is the story of **redemption**.

- Heaven is not _____; it is extremely _____.
- In the final age those who have not received _____ personally will receive the payment for _____ personally.
- The final plea in scripture is a plea for those who know that there has to be _____.

Matthew 18:3

And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

John 3:3

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."