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a study in revelation

13. “The Last Word on Heaven”

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Sermon Outline Notes

The Famous Last Words of Scripture REVEAL A FUTURE

VISION OF A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

But THERE IS CONTINUITY WITH THE PRESENT

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. *Romans 8:22-25*

I. Revelation 21:1-8

¹ 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. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men...There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!”...

The Last Word on Heaven SHOWS THE RE-CREATION OF

ALL THINGS

Which INSPIRES US FOR THE KINGDOM LIFE NOW

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17

II. Revelation 21:9-17

... And he...showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out

of heaven from God....¹² It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel....¹⁴ The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb...

The Last Word on Heaven DEMONSTRATES THE INCORPORATION & REDEMPTION OF OUR FAILURES

Which AFFIRMS OUR ACCEPTANCE IN GOD'S FAMILY

“Who are you to condemn someone else’s servants? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord’s help, they will stand and receive his approval. Romans 14:4 NLT

III. Revelation 21:18-22:5

...The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone...²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light...^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life...On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit...And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations...

The Last Word on Heaven PROMISES FULLNESS OF UNDERSTANDING & EXPERIENCE

Which MOVES US TOWARDS WHOLENESS NOW

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 1 Corinthians 13:12 KJV

IV. Revelation 22:6-21 John and the Angel

...¹⁷ The Holy Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And the person who hears should say, “Come!”...Anyone who wants to take the free gift of the water of life should do so...²⁰ Jesus is a witness about these things. He says, “Yes. I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!...

The Last Word on Heaven CULTIVATES LONGING FOR JESUS' RETURN

**Which ENCOURAGES US TO SEEK HIS PRESENCE IN OUR
DAILY LIVES**

*You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴
Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself;
it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in
me. John 15:3-4*