

A City Like No Other

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Hebrews 12:25 *See that you do not refuse Him who*
Ephesians 4:32 *forgiving one another, even as God*
John 15:5 *I am the vine, ye are the branches*
John 15:6 *If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth*

1 We look forward to a City like No Other—it has our attention and interest.

2 A city of such beauty and splendor is hard to describe, but we anticipate such a place and “*set our affection on things above, not on things on the earth*” Colossians 3:2 AV.

3 The devil makes it easy to set our affection on so many things here on earth, that we are distracted and thinking very little about things of Heaven.

4 This city is magnificent, and its beauty is beyond describing in words—it is an *eternal* and *permanent* residence.

5 We are also reminded that the *nature* we began life with would *not* take us to this city—but would take us to a burning lake!

6 The attitudes we *had* must be changed and converted to the attitudes we *should* have—if we want to enter that marvelous city!

7 This *eternal* city is being prepared for anyone who realizes the *seriousness* of the Christian life; who is committed to *live* that life; and who *trusts* God to eliminate the *default disposition* they had previously.

8 Jesus said those who enter Heaven AV Matthew 7:21 “*Doeth the will of my Father.*” To get there we take the Jesus “*thru-way*”—it is narrow, and it may be difficult, but the view is heavenly at the destination—the best ever, seeing God face to face!

9 We so look forward to that eternal city. AV Colossians 3:1 “*If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God*”—and allowing Him to prepare us to go with His Son when He returns.

10 We are to maintain our love for God and doing His will concerning our activities and interests—and not be too involved with plans of this world.

11 The former attitude that thought only about “*things on the earth*” is crucified with Christ, and our attitude is now focused on how Jesus taught us to walk, talk, and treat others.

12 This eternal city is where we will worship God continually. We may have tasks to do for His honor and glory. NIV Jeremiah 29:11 “*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD.*”

13 All those plans are not just for this life but will stretch on into eternity. Things we did not accomplish on earth may be fulfilled in Heaven.

14 We look forward to this city as it is where *trouble* is turned to *triumph*; and *sadness* turns to *rejoicing*. AV Luke 6:21 “*Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.*”

15 Satan is out to destroy our soul—that is why we set our hearts on things *above* and not be too involved with things *on earth*—especially if

those things are of *no* spiritual benefit to us. It is easy to *waste* time on things that do not *help* our spiritual walk.

16 When God *speaks*, we must *listen*! NKJV Hebrews 12:25 “*See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven.*”

17 If we *resent* and do *not* *repent*, we are *not* listening to Him who speaks from His Word—which says we are to always be NKJV Ephesians 4:32 “*forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*”

18 We should be looking forward to this eternal city. We *cannot* miss it, and we will *not* miss it, if we *heed* and *read* and *follow* the Word of God.

19 Satan is out to destroy us, so if we are doing anything against the will of God, we must *change* our *direction* by *changing* our *plans*. We leave behind all unscriptural desires and wrong attitudes.

20 The invitation is given to everyone. AV Revelation 22:17 “*The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*”

21 We should *choose* the right path, but too often we get interested in *things* here on earth and *ignore* the things of Heaven. AV Colossians 3:2 “*Set your affection on things above.*”

22 All of our *attention* must be focused on our *spiritual* condition—being sure that we are right with *God* and with a right attitude toward anyone *else*.

23 Nothing on earth can compare to the pleasure of residing in this remarkable city. The *sights* of this heavenly place are beyond anything on earth.

24 We *can* be there because *Marvelous grace* of our loving Lord; *Grace* that exceeds our

sin and our guilt; Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured; There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

25 People pass into eternity every day; every hour; and every minute. Each day, 250,000 go to an eternal destination—and most are *not* prepared—because most have *not allowed* God to *prepare* them. They have ignored His instructions on how to conduct their life.

26 Judgment will *come* on Israel because of rebellion. **AV Amos 4:11** *"I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD."*

27 We cannot *let things go* when we know of wrong *attitudes* and *hard feelings*, we have toward someone. These wrong *attitudes* will take us to the worst *place* imaginable—a place *so horrible* it cannot be described.

28 No one would ever want to be there for a *second*—much less for an *eternity*! We have to *escape* that horrible fate, and only Jesus can help us escape.

29 **AV John 15:5** *"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing"*—nothing to escape that horrible place by yourself.

30 Staying connected to the Vine is staying connected to God's will—obeying His Word with everything we do and concerning everyone with whom we interact.

31 Reading and heeding the Word is of major importance—**6** *"If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned."*

32 Heaven is on the horizon—anyone *can* be ready to enter that fabulous city—if they will

allow God to *prepare* them by allowing Him to *teach* them *what* they need to know; *how* to respond to wrongs; *when* to reject worldly interests; and *what* decisions to make concerning work; home; and all other issues.

33 The only way anyone can walk the streets of New Jerusalem and explore the wonders of the new earth, will be by the grace of God and the willing sacrifice of the Lord Jesus for us on the Cross.

34 We need to ask—Have we accepted the *grace* of God by faith; Are we trusting on the *Blood* of Christ for healing; Have we shown *mercy* toward others who have made mistakes? It is important that we answer these!

35 We all need the *mercy* of God if we expect to escape the *wrath* of God.

36 **AV Matthew 5:7** *"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."*

37 We do not always *show mercy*—and too often are criticizing someone who made a wrong decision.

38 We do not always think if we are *pure in heart* when involved with something—but we should, because it can easily be *defiled* by images, worldly thoughts, or resentment.

39 Bringing peace to any given situation is not always our *first* thought, but it *has* to be if we want to be connected to the Vine and producing spiritual fruit. **AV Revelation 1:5** *"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood."*

40 We should always be *looking forward* to *A City like No Other*. God has been speaking to us from His Book—are we *listening*; are we *learning*; and are we *obeying* it by His power?

41 The angel who had been giving John a tour of this amazing city said **AV Revelation 22:6** *"The Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done."*

42 It could happen in a *moment*—we *have* to be ready in a *second*.

43 Jesus gives us adequate warning—**AV Luke 21:34** *"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with—[things here on earth]—and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."*

44 **35** *"For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth."*

45 **36** *Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."*

46 After the apostle saw the new Heaven and earth—the angel said **Revelation 22:6** *"These sayings are faithful and true."*

47 *This is the Father's world; O let me ne'er forget; That tho the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. No need to be sad—the Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!*

48 We are promised *A City like No Other!*



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