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## What Will Life On The New Earth Be Like?

*“And 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... They will see his face and his name will be on their foreheads.’”*  
(Rev. 21:3; 22:4)

### 1. God will live with us and we shall see His face.

- God is so holy, Moses wasn't allowed to see His face. (Ex. 33:18-23)
- Paul taught that the concept of seeing God in this life was utterly unthinkable. (1 Timothy 6:14-16)
- John, one of Jesus' closest friends while on earth, could not endure seeing Him in His Glory. (Rev. 1:12-18)
- After death, our resurrected selves will be able to gaze upon His face and enjoy a closeness to Him that wasn't possible on the old earth.

### 2. God's greatest gift to us in Heaven will be Himself.

- Scripture shows the angelic inhabitants of Heaven in constant worship of God. (Rev. 4:8-12) Some Christians may secretly question whether or not this would be an exciting way to spend eternity.
- Perhaps there is a difference between the created purpose of angels and the created purpose of humans.

- We will, no doubt, continually praise and worship God but maybe praise and worship will be expressed in many different ways. Praise/worship exalt the person of God.
- We know that God the Father is spiritual, infinite, eternal, immense, perfect, unchanging, omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient, holy, love, just, righteous, true, and gracious. But do these terms describe all there is of God? What else do we know about Him?
- The Scriptures tell us that mankind is created in God's image. (Genesis 1:26) As humans, our highest interests and qualities come from God.
- Think about the different areas of interest we enjoy: science, art, music, nature, education, literature, etc. Each of these areas come from Him and are part of what interests Him. We are able to understand and develop these areas because we are made in His image.
- Think about the qualities we admire most in people: loving, joyous, peaceful, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control. Or maybe beauty, talent, intelligence, compassion, adventurous, or humorous, etc. Each of these come from Him and are part of who He is. The very qualities we find admirable in others are true of God a million times over.
- There is no end to what He knows, no end to what He can do, and no end to who He is. He is mesmerizing to the depths of His being and those depths can never be exhausted. No wonder the inhabitants of heaven are always redirecting their attention to Him, as if they don't want to miss anything.

***Eternity will be spent exploring and enjoying the incredible depths of the person of God!***