

Part 24 - Revelation 21

Study Questions

1. Read Revelation 21
2. The sermon opens with the ache of our housing crisis as a window into something deeper — a longing that predates real estate. What does Genesis 2 reveal about the original "home" God designed for humanity? How does the fall in Genesis 3 reframe every longing for belonging and security you've experienced since?
3. John sees "a new heaven and a new earth" — but also the new Jerusalem coming down like a bride adorned for her husband (vv. 1–2). The sermon insists this is renewal language, not replacement. Why does it matter that God renews creation rather than discards it? What does that say about the value God places on your body, your relationships, your history?
4. Verse 3 announces: "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man." The sermon traces this covenant formula from Genesis 17 through Exodus 6, Leviticus 26, Ezekiel 11, Zechariah 2, and 2 Corinthians 6. What do you notice about the consistency of this promise across such different contexts — tent, temple, exile, church? What does God seem most determined to communicate about himself?
5. The tabernacle and temple proclaimed both nearness and distance — God present, yet veiled. The sermon says the torn curtain at Christ's death was not symbolism but declaration. In what ways do you still unconsciously approach God as if there were a veil? What would it mean practically to live from the reality of unmediated access?

6. Robert Munger's *My Heart Christ's Home* pictures Christ moving through the rooms of the heart until the whole house is surrendered. In this life there are still locked rooms. The sermon says Revelation 21 is what happens when that work is finished — no locked rooms, no reluctant surrender, no hiding. What room in your life still feels most locked? What would full surrender to Christ in that room look like this week?

7. Verse 4 says God will wipe away every tear — and that death, grief, crying, and pain will be gone "because the former things have passed away." The sermon calls this "the full reversal" — not relief, but removal of the root cause. What griefs are you carrying right now that you need to hold up against this promise? How does knowing this end change how you carry them today?

8. John says he saw no temple in the new Jerusalem — because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple (v. 22). The whole city is the Holy of Holies. In your experience, what has been your "temple" — the place or practice where you most reliably feel near to God? How does Revelation 21 expand that and what does the absence of a designated temple tell us about eternity?

9. The sermon concludes: "The final promise is not only that Christ is at home in you — it is that you are finally, fully, permanently at home in him." Every exile ends. Every longing finds its answer. As you look at your own life right now — your restlessness, your unfinished longings, your grief — where do you most need to preach this promise to yourself? How will you carry the reality of "Coming Home" into your week?

10. Close in Prayer Together.