

(1) v1-3: We will worship God and the Lamb

v3b, “the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.”

- a) What does it mean to worship Him? Worship is:
- i. A response of the _____ to the knowledge of the _____ that rightly understands God:
 - A response to who God _____ and what God has _____
 - An outward expression of an inner response to God’s infinite _____ and _____
 - To _____, _____, _____, and be _____ in God above all else
 - b) The goal of worship is to put the supreme worth of God on _____

In the new heaven & new earth all of life will be worship

- a) In a glorified _____ with glorified _____ and _____, with God dwelling with us, everything we do will put God’s infinite glory, worth and beauty on display
- b) Col. 3:17; 1 Cor. 10:31 → what we can’t do _____ now, then we will be able to do so _____
- i. Eternal life is:
 - Not merely endless life, but life in all its _____ without anything accursed (v3)
 - Having full _____ with God, seeing God face to face in the person of Jesus (v4)
 - Having full and free access to the _____ of life (v1 → 1 John 4:10)
 - Having full and free access to the _____ of life (v2 → Gen. 3:22-24; Rev. 2:7)
 - ii. Augustine, “in the new heaven and new earth, our whole body will give itself over to _____”
 - We will instinctively worship God and the Lamb at all _____ and in all _____
 - Having _____ the grace of God in its fullness, worship will be a natural reflex

(2) v4-5: We will reign with the Christ forever and ever

- a) v5, “...they will reign with forever and ever”
- a. Who? Those united to _____ by faith and clothed in _____ righteousness (2 Tim. 2:11-12)
 - b. What we will do in the new heaven and new earth is rooted in _____:
 - i. When God created humanity, they were to obey His word and fulfill 3 tasks:
 1. Ge. 1:28a → “be fruitful and multiply and _____ the earth”
 - a. They were to _____ God’s image and fill the earth with His glory
 2. Ge. 1:28b → “subdue the earth and have _____ over it”
 - a. They were to imitate their Creator by _____ on earth as He rules over all
 3. Ge. 2:15 → “work and keep” the _____ where God’s presence dwelt with them
 - a. Original Hebrew better translated as _____ and _____
 - ii. United to Christ, heirs with Him, we’ll have _____ and _____ over the new creation
 1. v4 → “His name will be on their forehead”
 - a. Signifies _____ relationship and _____ to God’s presence

(3) What will it look like to worship God and the Lamb? To reign with Christ?

a) We will work:

- a. God Himself is a _____ and we are made in His image (Gen. 2:2; John 5:17)
- b. God created us to _____ (Gen. 2:15) → curse was not work, but work made hard and difficult
- c. Jesus points to us working in His teaching (Matt. 25:14-23)
 - i. One great difference → Our work will not be _____, but fully _____
 - ii. We will _____, _____, set goals and _____ them to and for God's glory
 - iii. Anthony Hoekema: "Will there be better Beethoven's & Rembrandts & poetry? Will scientists advance in technological achievements? Will geologists continue digging out the treasures of the earth? Will there be new adventures in space travel?"

b) We will learn:

- a. God created us as learners:
 - i. Eph. 2:6-7 _____
 - ii. Matt. 11:29 _____
 - iii. Rom. 11:33 _____
- b. We'll be stunned to learn how God _____ events in our lives for His glory and our good
 - i. We'll never _____ learning because we'll never become God, who alone is omniscient
 - ii. We'll learn of His grace and glory _____ and will quite literally _____ God forever
 - iii. Donald McLeod writes, "Through endless ages the Lamb will be showing us new things about the glory of God. We shall never exhaust the fountain. The feast will never be over. We shall never stop getting to know God."

c) We will rest:

- a. In the new heaven & new earth, we will enter God's _____ Sabbath rest
 - i. We will enter His _____ and find contentment, fulfillment and shalom (pure well-being)
 - ii. Every _____ met, _____ fulfilled, _____ achieved and _____ satisfied
 - iii. Words describing eating and food appear more than a 1,000 times in Scripture
 - _____ occurs 187 times → celebration, conversations, storytelling, laughter, and rest
 - a. Luke 22:30 _____
 - b. Matt. 8:11 _____
 - c. Isa. 25:6 _____
 - d. Heb. 4:8 _____

We can only enter this rest through the greater Adam, Jesus Christ who _____ this rest for His people by: His _____ to the Father and the law, His sacrificial _____ on the cross, being _____ to new and eternal life, and by _____ back to the Father. And He will bring this rest fully when He _____ in glory.

Augustine wrote in "The City of God" as he looked out at the Mediterranean Sea says, "if these are the beauties afforded to sinful men, what does God have in store for those who love Him."

When we understand our destiny is a physical place where redeemed people with redeemed relationships will dwell forever with our Redeemer, it will encourage and motivate us. Not just that something better awaits us, but to share this good news with others made in God's image so they might join us.