09052021 final I want to continue to talk about talked about our intermediate home Heaven ...where we go after we leave this place...Why is important? the more we know a out the destination...the more we long for it... this destination is so incredibly stunning to our senses, and the reunion with our loved ones and others, the interacting with angels so unbelievable and by far the best is literally being with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.. to talk about our final destination is to put our present journey there in perspective... when the journey is put into perspective the journey there will seem less arduous.... it seems to me that most sermons focus on the journey...I think we also need to focus on the destination....

it becomes hardly worth mentions the hassles, trials and troubles on the journey to there....

^{COL 3:1} Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. ² Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.NLT

What are the things Paul says to set our minds on?? That which is above...namely heaven and the abode of God and the throne of Jesus... the seventh dimension

- why? 1) We often spend so much time focusing our minds on the problems on the earth and so little eternity...that it all seems like a big hassle ...sometimes to much of a hassle....
- Because Heaven has it's mind set on us...

HEB 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy

set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart..NIV

- The witnesses surrounding us...witness means someone who is spectating... they are involved though not in the game... observing...watching...interacting intently...keep your eyes on Jesus....
- Jesus used a story on earth to illustrate this truth about heaven's inhabitants

^{LK 15:1} Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. ² This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!

³ So Jesus told them this story: ⁴ "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. ⁶ When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away! . <u>NLT</u>

• just as information was shared by the shepherd who looked for and found his lost sheep about the recovery of a lost lamb causing much rejoicing among his friends and neighbors.....

- In heaven the great shepherd shares the info of one lost now found to his friends...remember Jesus called the disciples his fiends..and others neighbors ..well this wonderful news is shared and the friends and neighbors rejoice!...
- With that we move to the eighth dimension...which closely aligns with the seventh,...which speaks of other dimension which are unlike the dimensions we live in..

***The eighth dimension again gives us possible other universe histories, each of which begins with different initial conditions and branches out infinitely (hence why they are called infinities). an idea of eternity...a dimension outside of time...time before time..the ability to find their histories

ECC 3: 11 Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end. NLT

- God has planted <u>eternity</u> in our hearts <u>because there is such a place</u>all of us everywhere and in every time period and in every culturein fact anthropologists have never come across any people group or culture who did not believe in some form of afterlife...it is in our DNA...our God designed blueprint...a life that transcends the time and space domain we live in....we are nostalgic for it....
- He has set a time when all things will become beautiful for eternity.. part of that eternity planed in us.. is the attempt to make things beautiful... attractive, inviting,but it all is fleeting in time....but we still try and continue to search for it...

^{1CH 29:10} Then David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly: "O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, may you be praised forever and ever! ¹¹ Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. ¹² Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand...NLT

and again

<u>Psalm 89:6</u> For who in <u>all of heaven</u> (the unseen) can compare with the LORD? What mightiest angel (creature of the unseen) is anything like the LORD?...(he is not like them) ⁷ The highest angelic powers stand in awe of God.(he is infinitely different than them) He is far more awesome than all who surround his throne. NLT (He is alone in this awesomeness)

- He is so far beyond all that is in the heavenlies...ie all known dimensions... the mightiest creations and their power ...stand in awe of him...and bow at his throne
- the realm of God... The Great I am...self existent one..he exists alone where he exists
- Our Future consists of living in eternity also...with a body!

<u>2 Corinthians 5:1</u> For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will <u>have a</u> <u>house in heaven</u>, <u>an eternal body</u> made for us by God himself and not by <u>human hands</u>. ² We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. ³ For we will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies. ⁴ While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us. <u>Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these</u> dying bodies will be swallowed up by life. ⁵ God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit. NLT

• an eternity awaits us spiritually and bodily

***In the ninth dimension, we can compare all the possible universe histories, starting with all the different possible laws of physics and initial conditions. the ninth dimension takes us back to the visible and invisible natural existence we are a part of.... the ability to know all that is knowable about the natural realm is known.. That again is a <u>God quality</u>

this is what God says about this creation

^{ISA 40:12} Who else has held the oceans in his hand? Who has measured off the heavens with his fingers? Who else knows the weight of the earth or has weighed the mountains and hills on a scale? ¹³ Who is able to advise the Spirit of the LORD? Who knows enough to give him advice or teach him? ¹⁴ Has the LORD ever needed anyone's advice? Does he need instruction about what is good? Did someone teach him what is right or show him the path of justice? ¹⁵ No, for all the nations of the world are but a drop in the bucket. They are nothing more than dust on the scales. He picks up the whole earth as though it were a grain of sand. NLT

and o top of this God has power over death...

*Psalm 102:*¹⁸ Let this be recorded for future generations, so that a people not yet born will praise the LORD. ¹⁹ Tell them the LORD looked down from his heavenly sanctuary. He looked down to earth from heaven ²⁰ to hear the groans of the prisoners, to release those condemned to die.

His power sees through and wisdom understands all dimensions past and future and their limitations they can't overcome death..He has! ***In the tenth and final dimension, we arrive at the point in which everything possible and imaginable is covered. All is known..that can be known.. which makes it our natural limitation of what we can conceive in terms of dimensions.

Isaiah 45:18 For the LORD **i**s **God**, and he created the heavens and earth and put everything **i**n place. He made the world to be lived **i**n, not to be a place of empty chaos. "**I** am the LORD," he says, "and there **i**s no other.

• And God knows way more than has been revealed..

Deut 29:29 "The LORD our God has secrets known to no one. We are not accountable for them, but we and our children are accountable forever for all that he has revealed to us, so that we may obey all the terms of these instructions. NLT

• Yet he has given his will regading Jesus...and also the big picture... of the completion of his plan in Scripture minus the exact timing of it finale!

^{*Eph 1: 9*} God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ which is to fulfill his own good plan. ¹⁰ And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. ¹¹ Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God,^[Ω] for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan. NLT

And. This is what it will look like...and be like

ESV Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment

• So what are we to do in the mean time?1) write these words down and put them to memory! it is going to happen...these words are trustworthy and true

Rev 22: ¹⁰ And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for <u>the time is near.</u>

3.keep doing what you are supposed too...

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^{HEB 4:14} ¹⁴ So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered <u>heaven</u>, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. ¹⁵ This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. lets pray...after glow • and 2) because of satan.... speaking of the devil...Jesus said he is a liar...

JN 8: 44 For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. NLT

what does he historically lie about? what he always does...the dragon speaking through the Beast ...in the last book of the bible is the same slander he did in the first book...Genesis

REV 13: 6 And he spoke terrible words of blasphemy against God, slandering his name and his dwelling—that is, those who dwell in heaven.NLT

- he lies about God, He lies about who God is....he lies about the abode of God..Heaven...and he lies about those who live there with Godthose who have gone before and those of us yet to experience it...
- what do those lies look and sound like?...there is no such place, you will not get there you are not good enough... you will be forever some disembodied spirit wandering around... Jesus did not really save you
- nothing could be further from the truth...

and even what I have shared with you these last couple of weeks barely touches what is in store...listen what Paul states and remember he is someone who has been to heaven...

^{2CO 4:18} So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

• keep your eyes on the unseen eternal that which will last forever and ever...which will give you proper vision about the temporal...

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lets pray

End.

- Don't seal or put this information far from you...keep it handy.. it is not over until he says its over ...
- WE WIN!!!

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^{*Eph 1:4*} For he chose us in him <u>before the creation of the world</u> (before this age began) to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship^[c] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,

• He gave us this info...and the fulfillment of it...or its completion when this time period ends...

⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect <u>when the times reach their fulfillment</u>—to bring <u>unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.</u>

And. This is what it will look like... The apostle John was privileged to see and report on the heavenly city (Revelation 21:10-27). John witnessed that heaven (the new earth) possesses the "glory of God" (Revelation 21:11), the very presence of God. Because heaven has no night and the Lord Himself is the light, the sun and moon are no longer needed (Revelation 22:5).

The city is filled with the brilliance of costly stones and crystal clear jasper. Heaven has twelve gates (Revelation 21:12) and twelve foundations (Revelation 21:14). The paradise of the Garden of Eden is restored: the river of the water of life flows freely and the tree of life is available once again, yielding fruit monthly with leaves that "heal the nations" (Revelation 22:1-2). However eloquent John was in his description of heaven, the reality of heaven is beyond the ability of finite man to describe (1 Corinthians 2:9).

Heaven is a place of "no mores." There will be no more tears, no more pain, and no more sorrow (Revelation 21:4). There will be no more separation, because death will be conquered (Revelation 20:6). The best thing about heaven is the presence of our Lord and Savior (1 John 3:2). We will be face to face with the Lamb of God who loved us and sacrificed Himself so that we can enjoy His presence in heaven for eternity.

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God declares all that there ever was created..he did it...and he moves freely through all dimensions... controls all dimensions...

Jeremiah 51:15 The LORD made the earth by his power, and he preserves it by his wisdom. With his own understanding he stretched out the heavens.

Your life is not in the hands of enemies or events or circumstances, or places or powers greater than you... but your life is completely in the hands of God...

NLT Rom 8: 31 What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? 32 Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? 33 Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one for God himself has given us right standing with himself. 34 Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, [p] neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And Paul states the value of this information...

Acts 20: 33 32 "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

He has given them the word! which increase their inheritance...ther ecapability to receive...

One age is built upon another. Nothing is cast aside. Everything remains and is incorporated in this moment. We are the cutting edge in flesh and bone of centuries that have gone before. "See I make all things new." Our current response and ability to be the expression of the Holy Spirit is what is essential now and what always has been in the past. Rite and ritual are the basis for agility and fluidity. The new is born of the old, not apart from it.

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Psalm 119: ⁸⁹ Your eternal word, O LORD, stands firm in heaven. ⁹⁰ Your faithfulness extends to every generation, as enduring as the earth you created. ⁹¹ Your regulations remain true to this day, for everything serves your plans.

• God knows what he is doing and knows when to do it... May your trust in the God who is always in control, develop in you the character to face these turbulent times with great courage to do what is right, no matter what!

^{RO 8:22} 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 as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

- Heaven is our waiting place for this all to come to completion...
- In the present life men ...are limited...

****... that is why on earth we walk by faith*****

^{2 CO 5:6} Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ We live by faith, not by sight.

why? we do no see clearly.....nor understand all that is taking place...

² CO 5:12</sup> Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

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^{2 CO 5:8} We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

******why?....<u>because in heaven we will walk by sight...we s will see and</u> <u>understand far more clearly****</u>

• One reason....the sons of God will see Christ "as he is" (1 John 3:2).

^{1JN 3: 2} Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

• Just as the angels do now,

^{MT 18:10}For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

• And this God is a Father, in whose house (John 14:2) the redeemed will dwell

- why is he doing this?
- ^{1JN 3:1} How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.
- ^{1CO 13:8} Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears.
 ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. ¹² Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness.

From this unshakeable faith springs forth the hope that sustains each one of us..

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Conclusion... it is motivating Knowing about how unbelievable the destination is makes the journey so much easier...^{2CO 4:16} Therefore we do not lose heart. (because of the difficulty of the journey) Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an <u>eternal glory</u> that far outweighs them all.

- those troubles on the way to heaven are light (well worth it and can be carried) for the destination far outweighs the trouble along the way to it....
- and are achieving for us glory...they will bless us...

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- You see the hassle of getting to Germany is totally mitigated because the joy of being in the presence of my daughter and family far outweighs the problems entaile in getting there....not to mention the beauty and history of that country...
- same with Heaven... and not only that ...Jesus keeps track of the journey and reimburses us for all the costs
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