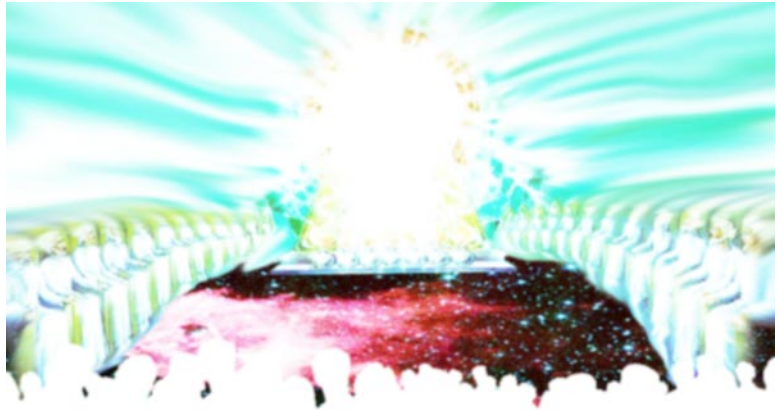


*"Now unto the **KING Eternal**, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen." 1 Timothy 1:17 KJV*



We often look forward to Heaven, the place, more than the Person, *"The only wise God,"* who built it. After all, would Heaven be Heaven without Jesus? We become so embroiled in the temporal and material, we begin to equate bliss with possessions, more than with God. Love needs no place, possession, or thing to be satisfied! Jesus

deemed us worthy of residence with Him in His Celestial Home, because He shed His Life's Blood. Faith *"is counted unto [us] (who believe) for righteousness,"* because God assumed flesh and died for us! Believers will enjoy eternal bliss, because of Jesus! Why were men the objects of His love? They were chosen on purpose. God wanted to demonstrate the power righteousness and Love over hateful, stubborn, unbelieving, evil, men. *"Faith cometh by...the Word of God."* His Word is the only persuasion needed *"to save them which believe!"* *"The Gospel of Christ...IS the Power of God unto salvation (but only) to every one that believeth."* His Word commands, comforts, caresses, and cajoles. Like a rose, attractive at first glance, becoming more beautiful as you draw closer. The light unveils the nuances of velvety softness, of color, and texture enhanced by the subtle sweet fragrance of its perfume. Through God's Word the Light of understanding is shed abroad in our hearts by the Blessed Holy Spirit, and we can enjoy all the nuances of Scripture. *"The entrance of Thy Words giveth Light and understanding. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you."* Our hearts bond with the heart of God only as we read, study, and meditate in His Word, *"for therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things NOT seen.'* Believers should be ready to leave this earth at the first hint of the Archangel's Trump and the Shout from Glory! Their hearts should swell with emotion every time they see an unusual cloud formation. *"While [His disciples] beheld, [Jesus] was taken up; and A CLOUD received Him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, 'Ye men of Galilee...This same Jesus...SHALL SO COME IN LIKE MANNER AS YE HAVE SEEN HIM GO.'* Believers are IN this world, not OF this world! They *"look for a City whose Builder and Maker is God."* Believers should NEVER feel "at home" until they see Christ!

Eternal KING, the Ransomed's song,
All power and wealth to Him belong,
There is no name like His alone,
'Twill bring the sinner safely Home! -CGP

The Eternal KING'S Throne will never be vacant, but it will be shared with His beloved for eternity. Jesus' parting words were, *"I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."* Are you waiting for Him?

"The four and twenty elders fall down before Him that sat on the throne, and worship Him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the Throne, saying, 'Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.'" Revelation 4:10-11 KJV