

"Letters to the Corinthians" Study Notes

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Lesson 30: Raised Imperishable

1 Corinthians 15:25-49

Read Revelation 21:1-4. What does John see? Where does the loud voice come from? What does the loud voice proclaim? Why is God's dwelling place significant? What amazing promises do we see given to believers here?

Read Revelation 21:5-8. Who speaks this time? What declaration does He make? What will the thirsty receive? What will the cowardly receive?

Read Revelation 21:10-14, 21:17-21. Describe heaven. If you aren't familiar with the stones mentioned, look them up. Maybe draw a picture of what heaven is described as here.

Read Revelation 21:22. Why is there no temple in the city?

Read Revelation 21:23-25. Why didn't the city have a sun or moon? Can we really grasp what that is like? What will there not be there? What implications does that have for us?

Read Colossians 2:9-15. Again, what characteristics of Christ do we see here? What are our lives like in Christ? What future promises are we given here? What was nailed to the cross? What triumph does Christ have?

Read 1 Peter 1:3-7. What has God caused us to be? What inheritance do we have to look forward to? Who guards our faith? What should we be rejoicing in? What result do we anticipate in our testing?

Ladies, as you spend time with God today, ponder the images we have been given of the physical nature of heaven as well as the spiritual realities that we will experience in heaven. Praise God for all that He has done to attain those things on your behalf.

Ask God to help you to remember the inheritance that you are promised in Him, and to count it pure joy when you suffer for His sake. Thank Him, too, for the refining that He is doing in your life, sanctifying you and making you more and more like His Son.

Without grumbling, thank God for all the trials and suffering you are enduring. Praise Him for the grace He gives you to endure the trial, and for the hope you have that makes the trial but a light and momentary affliction. Thank Him that the suffering will, one day, cease. Praise Him for all those pains and aches that are only temporary and ask Him to help you to praise Him in the midst of those pains, knowing that you have an eternity with Him in heaven to look forward to.