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WHY MEN WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN

INT: I. Does anyone here question that man CANNOT and WILL NOT live on earth forever???

I Pet. 1:24-25. Man, like the grass, passes aw
Heb. 9:27. Death, an appointment for all men.
Ecc. 12:7. Dust to dust. Spirit to spirit.

1. Need further proof?
 - a. Visit hospitals. Dead carried out daily.
 - b. Visit funeral homes. Rooms of the dead!!
 - c. Visit cemeteries. Final abode of body.

CONCLUSION: Men and women, boys and girls are leaving the state of life daily.

DEDUCTION: They are going somewhere ultimately but are not left here on earth.

I BELIEVE: This is first reason righteous men

REASON ONE: want to go to heaven. Can't stay here!!!

II. SPIRITUALLY KNOWLEDGABLE MEN WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN TO BE WITH GOD! Reason II.

- A. * Ps. 42:1-2. Soul of the Created craves to have eternal fellowship with the Creator!!
- B. Ps. 23:1, 6. House of my Maker forever!
- C. John 14:1-3. At home forever with Jesus.
- D. Ill. Little boy on train. Long hours. Hot. Lady: "How do stand it?" Boy: "I don't mind, mam, my FATHER is waiting for me at the station!!" My father awaits my coming!

GREAT TRUTH: Christians can endure anything because our FATHER is waiting for us in Heaven. Longest time, short to Him.

III. OUR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES WILL BE IN HEAVEN. Reason III.

- A. *Rev. 21:1-7. Children going there make adults want to join them there. Ill. LOUIS PASTEUR represents many many parents in the past. Said, at bedside of dying son: "I KNOW only scientifically determined truth, but I am going to BELIEVE what I wish to BELIEVE, and what I cannot HELP but believe...I expect to meet this dear child in another world." M.19:14.
- B. PEOPLE in heaven is what will make it so appealing to our hearts.

p.94. Ill. Poem, Leaves of Gold, PRECIOUS PEOPLE.

PRECIOUS PEOPLE

"When I was a boy I used to think of Heaven as a glorious golden city with jewelled walls

(Miller, Quotes, p.83)

and gates of pearl....with nobody there but angel-strangers.

But, after awhile my LITTLE BROTHER died. Then I thought of Heaven as that great city full of strange-angels---and/my little brother. Then my OTHER BROTHER died and then there were two in Heaven I knew.

As time passed, other acquaintances died and the number of my friends in Heaven grew larger.

But, not until my LITTLE SON/was taken from me/did I feel the burning-intimacy with Heaven.

Then, I lost ANOTHER CHILD,/ and other friends and other loved-ones went on before me.

Then it seemed that I knew MORE in heaven than I knew on earth.

And now...when I turn my thoughts to Heaven, it is not the gold or the glistening jewels that I think of at all. I CAN THINK ONLY OF MY LOVED ONES THERE.

It is not the PLACE that makes Heaven beautiful to me, but rather it is the PRECIOUS PEOPLE who await my coming there."

INV: SOME VITAL QUESTIONS I MUST FACE SOONER OR LATER. WHAT IF I HAD TO FACE THEM "NOW"!!!

1. If TIME ended immediately, would my loved ones go to Heaven WITH me or WITHOUT me?

✓ Obed. to God is the diff. Acts 2:38.

2. If I am UNPREPARED to go to Glory with my loved ones, is there ANY BETTER time to PREPARE TO MEET MY GOD than right now:

while God awaits your decision.

while loved ones sing His invitation.

while numbers of US pray for the salvation of your soul???????

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