**20200510 HOME FOR THE THIRSTY**

**HEAVEN SERIES PART 4**

Revelation 21:6-8

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21:7 He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

21:8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars--their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

**1. THERE ARE THE BEGINNING AND THE ENDING IN HISTORY.**

21:6 He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.”

John 19:30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**2. THE COMMON THIRST FOR GOODNESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THE EVIDENCE OF ETERNITY.**

21:6b **To him who is thirsty** I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

**3. THOSE WHO LIVE ACCORDING TO THE PURPOSE OF GOD IN THIS WORLD WILL ENJOY ETERNAL SATISFACTION.**

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Matthew 21:28 "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

Matthew 21:29 "'I will not,' he answered, but later **he changed his mind and went**.

Matthew 21:30 "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' **but he did not go**.

Matthew 21:31 "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, **the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.**

Matthew 21:32 For John came to you to show you **the way of righteousness**, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

I John 5:4 for **everyone born of God overcomes the world**. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

I John 5:5 Who is it that overcomes the world? **Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.**

**4. ALL OF EVILS AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS THAT ARE PREVALENT AND PERVASIVE IN THIS WORLD WILL BE TERMINATED, AND THEY WON’T BE REPEATED AGAIN.**

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“There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, in the end, "Thy will be done." All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek find. Those who knock it is opened.”

- C. S. Lewis, ‘The Great Divorce’

Romans 5:20-21 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.