

**Revelation 21:9-27**  
*The Glories of Heaven*

**INTRO:** *Preventable* physical blindness and *curable* spiritual blindness-

In the economy of grace \_\_\_\_\_.

Outline of Revelation 21:9-22:5

- I) Introduction- **John's glorious vision of heavenly glory.** (Rev. 21:9)
  
- II) Body- **John's eyewitness and Divinely inspired account of the glories of heaven.** (Rev. 21:10-22:5)

CONCLUSION

**John 20:29; Luke 17:5**

**For Further Reflection/Application:** *We must be doers of the Word and not merely hearers*

What is *preventable physical blindness* and why is it a noble medical goal? What are some of the unique challenges the blind face in this world?

What did the preacher mean when he talked about *curable spiritual blindness* (unbelief)? Note Romans 1:18- Fallen man “suppresses the truth.”

How does the sermon’s emphasis on unbelief (spiritual blindness) harmonize with the following J.C. Ryle quote? “Be very sure of this: people never reject the Bible because they cannot understand it. They understand it only too well; they understand that it condemns their own behavior; they understand that it witnesses against their own sins and summons them to judgment.” Where does personal evangelism and global missions fit into this (note Rom. 10:5f).

In what ways does the bible’s teaching on heaven and eternity future become “chicken soup (comfort food) for the soul?” How might this series help someone who is battling cancer (or other medical struggles)? How might it help a Christian who is struggling with depression? Anxiety? Grief? Rebellious children? An unloving spouse? A difficult co-worker or work supervisor?

Who in your circle of influence needs biblical encouragement? Ask God to direct your steps as you reach out to them this week in Christian love. How might these glorious promises of heavenly glory help you minister to them more effectively?

By Divine design the prophesied future is intended to shape our present experiences. Biblical Eschatology (a study of the last days) is important, in part, because it is so practical!

In the Beatitudes in Matthew 5 Jesus focuses much of our attention on our eternal rewards. Why does he do this?

Are you part of the city of man or are you a citizen of the city of God? If you are not a true follower of Jesus, then you belong to realm of Satan and the city of Man. Note carefully Matthew 12:30-32. John 8:44-46. Ephesians 2:1-10.

In what ways are Christians part of the greatest love story ever told?

How are expository preachers merely *the waiters* not *the Chef*? What was meant by the statement- “If you don’t like the menu at a Bible Church your beef isn’t with the servers?”

Why does John repeat the Lamb (of God) in a section that depicts eternity future (heaven)? Note also Rev. 5:9-13.

In the economy of grace believing is seeing! Explain the significance of this statement (note Hebrews 11).

“Blessed are those who believe with seeing (with our physical eyes)!” How did the preacher tie John 20:29 in with the morning exposition of Revelation 21:9f.? Believing is seeing!

Make Luke 17:5 your daily prayer for the preacher and for the entire congregation.

**Related Praise Songs:** *Theology fuels Doxology! We dig deeply in God's Word in order that we may go high in praise and adoration!*

*By Faith-* Keith and Kristyn Getty  
*Standing on the Promises of God-* Hymn  
*See, He Comes-* Sovereign Grace Music  
*City Called Heaven-* Jubilant Sykes  
*I Can Only Imagine-* Mercy Me  
*This We Know-* Kristian Stanfill  
*Lord of All-* Kristian Stanfill  
*One Day (When We All Get to Heaven)-* Matt Redman  
*Lamb of God-* Sovereign Grace Music  
*O That Will Be Glory-* Hymn  
*Soon and Very Soon-* Hymn  
*Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending-* Hymn  
*Sweet Beulah Land-* Hymn  
*When the Roll is Called Up Yonder-* Hymn  
*I'll Fly Away-* Hymn  
*Home-* Chris Tomlin  
*Not Home Yet-* Steven Curtis Chapman  
*The Sands of Time Are Sinking-* Hymn  
*Is He Worthy-* Andrew Peterson

**Related Scripture Passages:** *Search the Scriptures to see if these things be so.*

Revelation 5:9-14; 21:2-22:5; Matthew 5:3-12 (the Beatitudes- "Blessed are"); 12:30-32;  
Luke 17:5; John 20:29; Romans 1:18; 10:5-11:1; Hebrews 11

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