

Hebrews 11 and Revelation 21-22
The City of God and the Goal of Creation

INTRO: Are you a city slicker, a suburbanite, or a country guy/gal?

Explain the role cities have in the purpose/plan of God for the world; (past, present, future)?

Revelation 21-22 and Hebrews 11 should be studied together.

This morning we will discover **9 Extraordinary Features about the Christian's Future Home:**

Believers should adjust their sails towards-

1) _____

(Hebrews 11:1-1, 6:15; John 14:1-3; Rom. 15:13)

2) _____

(Hebrews 11:10; Rev. 21:5a)

3) _____

(Hebrews 11:13-16; John 14:3)

9 Extraordinary Features about the Christian's Future Home:

Our heavenly abode will be-

4) _____

(Rev. 21:10-11; 18-19a; 21; see sermon from 1/27/19)

5) _____

and 6) _____

(Rev. 21:12a, 15-17; see sermons from 2/3/19 and 2/17/19)

7) _____

(Hebrews 11:16, 39-40)

8) _____

(Rev. 21:9-22:5; John 14:1-6; Heb. 11; 13:14)

9) _____

(Rev. 21:23-25; 22:2; 5:9-14; Gen. 12:3; Mark 16:15)

For Further Reflection/Application: *How has God been sanctifying you through His Word?*

Are you a city slicker, a suburbanite, or a country guy/gal? Briefly explain why.

“Cities inspire very different emotions in people...For some they are a magnet, offering every opportunity and pleasure that a civilized person might desire. For others, cities are places from which to escape, the tranquility of rural life being a more attractive alternative. Like them or loathe them, cities have been a pervasive feature of human life for millennia. Given their ubiquitous nature, it is no surprise that cities figure prominently in the Bible. Their presence, however, is not merely incidental. At the very heart of God’s plan for the world stands an extraordinary city!” Alexander, p. 15.

In two or three sentences what is the sum and substance of the believer’s future hope?

Are you presently *seeking first* the Kingdom of God and the Extraordinary City to come?
Note Mt. 6:10, 21; Heb. 13:14.

Our priorities are often revealed when we examine our Daytimers and our Bank Statements. What does a biblically-balanced, heavenly-minded saint look like in 2019?

The entire Christian life is a walk of faith (note 2 Cor. 5:7). “We must regularly exercise the muscles of faith.”

How does God increase our faith? How does the H.S. help us to put off “worldliness” and “materialism” (1 John 2:15); and help us to put-on heavenly-mindedness? What did Spurgeon mean, “A little saving faith will get your soul to heaven, but a great faith will bring heaven to your soul.” Memorize and meditate on Romans 15:13.

Why is Abraham sometimes called “the Father of faith?” (note Heb. 11/Rom. 4) This is contra those who say, “I want cash in the stash in the here and now, not pie in the sky when I die.”

How might the promise of a “tailor-made home” help us with contentment (Phil. 4:11-12/Heb. 11)

In what ways will the New Jerusalem/heaven be an “infinitely better city?” Heb. 11:16, 39-40. When you hear about the size, security, the beauty, and holiness of your future home, what comes to mind?

When you read or watch *Pilgrim’s Progress*, does it look and sound like your Christian walk? A new PP film is coming to select theaters this April.

Our future home will be a “cosmopolitan” city. It will look a lot more like Los Angeles than Lake Country (Rev. 5:8-10; Gen. 12:3; Rev. 21:23-26). How so? In view of this, a biblical church that is heavenly minded has its eyes on the N, S, E, and W (Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8). Its heavenly citizens will oppose all forms of *genuine* racism and will celebrate biblical unity.

Do you view yourself as *an alien and stranger* (per 1 Pet. 2:11); OR are you living for the favor and stuff of this present/passing world? (John 15:18-19; 17:16; Phil. 3:20)

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

Is He Worthy? Andrew Peterson

The New Jerusalem- R.C Sproul and Jeff Lippencott

By Faith- Keith and Krystin Getty

City Called Heaven- Jubilant Sykes

We Look to You- "Prayers of the Saints," Sovereign Grace Music

When We See Your Face- "Prayers of the Saints," Sovereign Grace Music

One Day (When We All Get to Heaven)- Matt Redman

O That Will Be Glory- Hymn

Soon and Very Soon- Hymn

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

Revelation 21:1-22:5/Hebrews 11:1-40; 6:15; 13:14; Psalm 48; Matthew 6:10, 21; John 14:1-6; Romans 4; 15:13; Philippians 1:21; 3:20; 2 Corinthians 5:7; James 4:14; 1 Peter 2:11.

Related Resources: *Leaders are readers (of spiritually healthy resources)*

The Pilgrim's Progress- John Bunyan

The Pilgrim's Progress- new movie- release date April 18

The Christian Pilgrim- sermon by Jonathan Edwards

The Glory of Heaven: The Truth about Heaven, Angels, and Eternal Life- John MacArthur

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