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Section: Doctrine of the Last Things and Eternity (Eschatology)

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**HANDOUT NOTES**

**Q122. What will eternal life be like in the new heaven and new earth for the elect?**

Eternal life will be a more intimate communion with God, and we will be free from sin, evil, sickness, suffering, and death. We will be in the Lord’s presence, glorifying Him for all eternity. It is better than we can even imagine.

* **Introduction**

**Daniel 12:2** “And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.”

* **A Kingdom Ordained for God’s Elect Before Time**

**Matthew 25:34 “**Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’”

**John 14:3 “**And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”

* **Descriptions of the New Creation**

**Revelation 21:1-9**

**Revelation 21:4** “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

**Revelation 4:2-3** At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.

**Revelation 4:4-6** Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty- four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal ...

**Revelation 4:6-8** ... And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within ...

**Revelation 21:10-27**

**Revelation 22:1-5**

* **Heavenly Rewards**

**2 Corinthians 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

**1 Peter 1:3-5** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**Matthew 6:19-21** “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

**Matthew 19:29** “And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.”

**2 Timothy 4:8** Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

**1 Corinthians 2:9** But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”

* **The feast**

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

**Isaiah 6**

**Psalm 36:8** (KJV) They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

**John 4:14** (RSV)"but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

* **The prize: lasting satisfaction in God’s glory**

**2 Corinthians 4:17** For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison

**Romans 8:18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

**Job 22:25** (NLT) the Almighty himself will be your treasure. He will be your precious silver!

* **Everlasting Exaltation**

**Revelation 7:9-10** After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

**Revelation 4:8-11**

**Revelation 5:8-14**

* **Conclusion**

**Hebrews 13:14** For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

**Revelation 22:20** He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!