

HEAVEN: IS MY NAME WRITTEN THERE?

- A. Col. 3:1-4: "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."
- B. Phil. 3:20-21: "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself."
1. The Apostle Paul is encouraging us not to get too enmeshed with this world but to look for that eternal home.
- C. Phil. 4:1-3: "Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved. I implore Euodia and I implore Syntychē to be of the same mind in the Lord. And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life."
- D. Rev. 3:1-6: "To the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God. Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."
- E. Rev. 20:12-15: "And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books." (The King James says: "and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books ...") . . . And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."
- F. Rev. 21:26-27: "And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it (heaven-Holy City). But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

- G. Rev. 22:19: "And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

NOTE: The King James says, "Out of the Book of Life."

- H. Heb. 12:22-23: "But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel."

1. Is my name written THERE on the page white and fair?
2. What about our Parents' name - and Grand-Parents?
3. What about our Children?
4. What about our Neighbors?

LET US POINT OUR FACES TOWARD HEAVEN
AND NEVER LOOK BACK.

Some time ago, a California preacher announced that he would be speaking the following Sunday on 'HEAVEN'. During that week, a beautiful letter was received from an old man who was very ill, and this is part of his letter:

"Next Sunday you are to talk about Heaven. I am interested in that land, because I have held a clear title to a bit of property there for over fifty-five years. I did not buy it. It was given to me without money and without price. But the Donor purchased it for me at tremendous sacrifice. I am not holding it for speculation since the title is not transferable.

It is not a vacant lot. For more than half a century, I have been sending materials out of which the greatest Architect and Builder of the Universe has been building a home for me which will never need to be remodeled nor repaired because it will suit me perfectly, individually, and will never grow old. Termites can never undermine its foundations for they rest on the Rock of Ages.

Fire cannot destroy it. Floods cannot wash it way. No locks nor bolts will ever be placed upon its doors, for no vicious person can ever enter that land where my dwelling now stands, now almost completed and almost ready for me to enter in and abide in peace eternally, without fear of being ejected.

There is a valley of deep shadow between the place where I live in California and that to which I shall journey in a very short time. I cannot reach my home in that City of God without passing through this dark valley of shadows. But I am not afraid because the best Friend I ever had went through the same valley long, long ago and drove all its gloom away.

He has stuck by me through thick and thin, since we first became acquainted fifty-five years ago, and I hold His promise in printed form - never to forsake me or leave me alone. He will be with me as I walk through the valley of shadows, and I shall not lose my way when He is with me.

I hope to hear your sermon next Sunday from my home in Los Angeles, California, but I have no assurance that I shall be able to do so. My ticket to Heaven has no date marked for the journey - no return coupon - and no permit for baggage. Yes, I am all ready to go and I may not be here while you are talking next Sunday evening, but I shall meet you some day."

DO YOU AND I HAVE THIS KIND OF FAITH AND SET OF VALUES?

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
and cast a wistful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land
where my possessions lie.
I am bound for the promised land.
O, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.