

## **“AND THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER”**

1 Corinthians 2:9; Psalm 8:3-6; 17:15; 36:5, 8-10; 1 John 3:2

### **Do You Ever Dream About Heaven And Look Forward To It?**

*“As oxygen is to the lungs, so hope is to the human heart.”*

*“Man’s Search For Meaning,”* by Jewish psychiatrist Dr. Viktor Frankl

### **An Appetizer: Heaven Will Be Far Better Than We Could Ever Imagine**

1 Corinthians 2:9 *“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”*

*“At our most creative moment and at our deepest thought, we still cannot fathom eternity. Try this: Imagine a perfect world. Whatever that means to you, imagine it. Does that mean peace? Then envision absolute tranquility. Does a perfect world imply joy? Then create your highest happiness. Will a perfect world have love? If so, ponder a place where love has no bounds. Get it firmly fixed in your mind. Delight in it. Dream about it. Long for it. And then smile as the Father reminds you that no one has ever imagined what God has prepared for those who love him. Anything you imagine is inadequate. No one has come close. When it comes to describing heaven, we are all happy failures.”* —Max Lucado

### **A Sampler Plate of What We Can Expect**

#### **The Main Course: Heaven’s Ultimate Spiritual Life**

##### 1. Our Bodies Will Have Greater Capacity for God’s Glory.

*“Beatific vision.”* Beatific is an old word that means, “complete blissfulness or happiness.”

Psalm 17:15, *“As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.”*

1 John 3:2, *“Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.”*

##### 2. Our Bodies Will Have an Ever-Increasing Capacity for God’s Glory

*“You will be enraptured with joys that are forever increasing, and yet forever full.”* – J. Edwards

2 Corinthians 3:18

Psalm 36:5, 8-10

### **We’ll Be Giggling At Our “Old Photos” Millennia From Now**

1 Corinthians 9:24

*“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. <sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.”*

1 Corinthians 2:9

*“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”*

Psalms 8:3-6

*“When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained; <sup>4</sup>What is man that You take thought of him, and the son of man that You care for him? <sup>5</sup>Yet You have made him a little lower than God, and You crown him with glory and majesty! <sup>6</sup>You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.”*

Psalms 17:15

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2 Corinthians 3:18

*“We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”*

Psalms 36:5, 8-10

*“Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. <sup>8</sup>They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. <sup>9</sup>For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. <sup>10</sup>Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.”*