



Sermon Series: Revelation - Jesus Revealed
Sermon Title: New Heaven, New Earth
Scripture: Revelation 21:1-8
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Introduction: Revelation 21:1-8 paints a vivid picture of the culmination of God's redemptive plan enjoyed in the presence of God and in the pure absence of all sin and sin's curse. (2 Peter 3:13)

I. The new heaven & earth are the eternal place where God's people will eternally enjoy God's presence & promises. (v. 1-4)

Scriptures: Genesis 2:8; Matthew 1:23, 28; 28:20

II. The new heaven & earth are the eternal fruit of God's sovereign goodness. (v. 5-7)

A. God's declaration: He makes all things new, fulfilling His promises to His people.

1. Renewal of Creation (Romans 8:19-21)

2. Transformation of Believers (1 Corinthians 15:51-53; Romans 8:30)

3. Reformation of Society (Isaiah 65:17-25)

4. Reconciliation of Relationships (Ephesians 2:14-16)

5. Rejuvenation of Worship (Philippians 2:10-11; Psalm 30:12; 72:18-19)

B. Salvation's Culmination: God's Work of redemption is brought to its fulness. (John 19:30)

III. The new heaven & earth are a sobering contrast to the place prepared for the eternal existence of the unsaved. (v. 8)

Scriptures: Hebrews 11:6; John 3:18, 36; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9; 2 Peter 3:9-10

- The unsaved will experience the promised judgment of God in a place of eternal suffering where they will never again enjoy the slightest benefits of the presence of God.

Questions to consider:

- 1) How does envisioning John's description of the new heaven and new earth inspire hope or assurance within you?
- 2) Why is the emphasis on God's dwelling with His people so significant? How does it differ from the current state of God's presence with His people?
- 3) In what ways has sin disrupted the natural order on earth? How will God's pure presence restore and renew everything?
- 4) Why does God refer to Himself as the "Alpha and Omega," particularly in the context of granting eternal life and sonship to those who seek and overcome?
- 5) What distinguishes eternity with God as "life" from eternal existence in hell, which is described as "the second death"?