

Topic

DO YOU HAVE VISA TO HEAVEN?

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:1

"For we know that if our earthly house of [this] tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens"

Description of The Heavenly City:

1. Heaven is a place of eternal light.

And the light is not electric light neither is the light of sun or moon. But the radiation of the glory of Jesus Christ is the source of the light of Heaven.

2. Heaven is not noisy and at the same time not silent but quiet, cool and comfortable.

3. Heaven is awesome and not troublesome. In fact there is no violence.

4. Heaven is a place of eternal joy, happiness, cheerfulness, laughter etc.

5. In Heaven there are wonderful trees that bear beautiful fruits.

6. In Heaven there is no rain, no sun and yet the weather is good and favorable.

7. In Heaven there is no whirlwind, no hurricane, no volcano, no turbulence, no earthquake and tsunamis.

8. In Heaven no wild beast, no animal. no viper in fact no harm.

Description of The Heavenly City:

9. In heaven only three sets of creatures are the inhabitants.

a. The authority of Heaven i.e The Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

b. The Angels.

c. The triumphant saints

10. In Heaven, there are mighty mansions built with the hand of God. All of them are built once and allocated to the owner , even the unborn and the Unsaved. Rom. 8:30

11. In Heaven there is no means of transport, yet the inhabitants are swifter in speed than any means of transportation. No telephone, and the communication is uninterrupted.

12. In Heaven, all the inhabitants are accessible to the presidential villa.

13. Heaven is the only place where you will never toil and be satisfactorily fed.

14. Heaven is the only place where there are factories, companies, departments and only the Angels are the workers. Man does no work in Heaven - a place of rest.

15. Heaven is a place where the inner man will have total freedom from conflict of the man outside- the body.

16. Heaven is a place you will love to live.

The prerequisites for Heaven:

1. Genuine and total conversion.
2. Holiness.
3. Fellowship.
4. Baptism in the Holy Spirit
5. Abiding in the word of God.
6. Commitment
7. Readiness and not preparation

C. The Viisa of Heavenly Candidates. Psalm 15:1-5

[1] LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

[2] He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

[3] He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

[4] In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. [He that] sweareth to [his own] hurt, and changeth not.

[5] He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these [things] shall never be moved.

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I Shall Not go Empty-Handed

Text: Exodus 3:21

"And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty."

1. OPENING MESSAGE:

When Jesus Christ is in your struggle, certainly, you won't labour in vain. But the absence of Jesus Christ in

whatever you do is nothing but labour-loss. You might think that your achievement is getting late, alas it is not.

However, when you think your reward is getting late, Jesus is gathering the reward in multitude. A powerful and

concise exposition of John 21:1-6

2. IT IS A COMMAND OF GOD THAT I WILL NOT GO EMPTY-HANDED. Deuteronomy 15:13-14

[13] And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away empty:

[14] Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy winepress: [of that]

wherewith the LORD thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.

3. SOME BIBLICAL CHARACTERS THAT THE ENEMY WISHED TO GO EMPTY

1. The Israelites in Egypt. Exodus 3:19-21

2. Jacob, when he was working with laban. Genesis 31:29

3. The Judah, when they were leave Babylon after 70years in captivity. Ezra 1:6-7

4. Elizabeth and Zachariah after they have lived for several years without a child. Luke 1:5-7

5. Apostle Peter after he had spent the whole night fishing and caught nothing. John 21:1-8

4. THINGS YOU MUST DO IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO EMPTY-HANDED

1. Don't ever send out whoever has laboured for you in emptiness. Deut. 15:13

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2. Pay the wages of your labourers who have served you on time and adequately. Lev. 19:13

3. Don't oppress the poor, the needy or the widow. Zechariah 7:10

4. Avoid physical or spiritual stealing totally. Lev. 19:11

5. Remain faithful even when it seems as if your effort and labour are not appreciated. Galatians 6:9

6. Avoid tactical way of rewarding yourself by yourself because opportunity at times could also be a temptation. Gen. 15:1

7. At times, enemy might block your rewards then, pray to unblock them. Exodus 3:19-21.