



The Bible Speaks

GODS SPACE CAPITAL

Billions of dollars are being spent each year by the nations of the world to reach the moon. Man seems bent upon leaving this world and reaching some other planet in the hope of finding a solution to the many problems that daily plague him.

Simply blasting out into space will not solve man's problems. As long as the human heart is as selfish and sinful as it is, the taint of sin and violence will be present.

How then can man find the peace and security that he is so feverishly seeking? Is there no better tomorrow toward which we can look? Is there no place where the plague of sickness and death will be eliminated? Is there no place where we will never grow old, where we will live in perfect peace and happiness forever?

The Bible teaches that there is such a future and such a land which God has prepared for the faithful of all ages. This is the star of hope that has given faith and courage to God's children down through the ages. This was the hope that gave the martyrs the courage to face the wild animals, the promises that gave the discouraged the strength to press on, the vision that gave the grief-stricken the stamina to live another day.

From the day Adam was driven forth from the Garden of Eden and the Tree of Life, the faithful few have longed for the time when mankind would be restored to the fellowship that man had with his Maker, God, at the gates of the garden, promised that the dominion lost by Adam would some day be restored to man by the Saviour. Genesis 3:15 (OT 11) Luke 19:10 (NT 74).

One of the last promises of the Lord was to remind the disciples of His plans to be reunited with them. Let us study of this wonderful city and country God has prepared for His children.

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1. What did Christ promise He would prepare for His followers? **John 14:1-3**

The Bible Answer: _____

2. Who is the architect and builder of the place of which Christ spoke? **Hebrews 11:9,10**

The Bible Answer: _____

3. What does the Bible call the place prepared by God for His people? **Hebrews 11:16**

The Bible Answer: _____

4. What name does John give to the heavenly city? **Revelation 21:2, 10**

The Bible Answer: _____

PLEASE READ the complete description of this magnificent city as described in Revelation 21:9,27

5. How does the Bible describe the following features of that wonderful city?
Revelation 21:18-25

The Bible Answer: _____

Verse 18 The wall of it was _____

Verse 19 The foundations of the wall was garnished with _____

Verse 21 The twelve gates _____

Verse 23 The city had no need of _____

Verse 25 There shall be no _____

6. What will be one source of food and drink in that heavenly city? **Revelation 22:1,2**

The Bible Answer: _____

Verse 1 Drink of _____

Verse 2 Eat of _____

7. Where are the righteous to spend the years of eternity? **Matthew 5:5**

The Bible Answer: _____

8. From what location did John say the New Jerusalem would come to this planet?
Revelation 21:2, 11

The Bible Answer: _____

9. How will the earth be purified to receive this sinless city? **2 Peter 3:10, 12**

The Bible Answer: _____

NOTE: Read the description of this purification in Revelation 20:9

10. What is God going to create after the purification of this present world? **2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21:1**

The Bible Answer: _____

11. What does the Bible say about the following conditions in the new earth?

The Bible Answer: _____

Rev. 21:4 Death and sorrow

Isa. 35:5,6 Physical affliction

Rev. 21:3 God's dwelling place

Isa. 65:21-23 Man's occupation

12. How can we become an heir of the promised land - the new earth? **Galatians 3:29**

The Bible Answer: _____

As you have read the descriptions given in God's Word about this land and this city, you may have felt like Paul did when he said, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." 1 Corinthians 2:9 (NT 148). What more could man desire to bring genuine joy and peace into his heart and life?

Several years ago a retired gentleman received a letter from his brother in Hawaii, who had become immensely wealthy, inviting him to come and share that wealth. The wealthy brother had prepared a mansion for him. In the invitation the promise was made that all necessities would be provided and that they would live happily together in this tropical paradise until death. It is unnecessary to tell you how long it took the brother in this country to accept this generous offer.

God has promised far more to us than any human could give. God has promised not only freedom from want, but freedom from sickness, fear, sorrow, and death. He has given us the assurance that all of this will be ours when we by faith accept Christ as our Saviour and Redeemer.

If there were a land or island that could assure us of all these wonderful benefits, every man in this country would be anxious to make any sacrifice to become a dweller in that Utopia. God asks only one thing - a complete surrender of the heart to Him and a complete subjection of the life to Christ. What better decision can you make than to let Jesus Christ completely possess you today?

(If you wish to respond to this question, place a cross in the box provided.)

Is it your earnest desire to surrender your life and heart completely to Christ as your Saviour?

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