

1 **Built For Eternity**

Chapter 20

2 **Why Are We Here?**

- God prepared us for a destiny in this lifetime and in a life to come
- Despite how much He wants to heal and restore our lives on earth, the ultimate destination is not in this lifetime, but in the one to come
- Often we avoid the issue of eternity because it's uncomfortable, or we don't see the relevancy in our lives today

3 **Using Opportunity**

- Ministry - what is it?
- How God equips with giftedness
- Learn to live and exist in God's kingdom, and be influenced by His spiritual resources entirely.

4 **Rewards**

- The "bema seat" of Christ - God will reward us
- Any good father desires to give good gift – so in the same way will God reward us.
- We simply need to be willing to give away what He has given to us
- Our master will say: 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together! – Matthew 25:23

5 **Meeting Jesus**

- When we appear before the Lord He will expose and reveal the contents in our heart.
- However, for those of us that experienced Him on earth deeply, we will be profoundly filled with joy and excitement. The Jesus we've carried with us in this lifetime will become a flesh and blood reality!
- While that could sound intimidating, no matter where we are right now, the beautiful thing about recovery is that we are in pursuit of preparing for that day right now.

6 **Meeting Jesus**

- Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames. – 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

7 **Preparing for a King**

- We are being prepared for eternal marriage to our Lord Jesus
- It can be a difficult concept – but we are wed to Him now in the spiritual realm, and will be wed with Him completely in heaven.

- Body – New body (probably somewhat like our earthly, but in glorified form)
- Soul – perfect ability to think, feel and make choices.
- Spirit – spirit will be manifest outward with the inward.
- A perfect union can occur and we will be known and can know God in the fullness of His glory

8 **Earthly Relationship in Heaven**

- Roles on earth are preparation – and will therefore change
- We will most likely transfer our relationships and people will experience deep intimacy with each other
- We will be able to perfectly know each other – even though we won't be in the same structure, most likely we'll experience life together somehow.
- Heaven is about Jesus – but we will fellowship with each other
- We must trust in God with our family who doesn't know the Lord – that's why THEIR SALVATION /SPIRITUAL NEED IS PRIORITY!!!!

9 **The Coming Kingdom!**

- The book of Revelations describes this profound and exciting reality:
- Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." Revelation 21:1-4

10 **Right Now**

- Close your eyes and imagine meeting Jesus right now. If you were to stand before Him, how do you think He would reward you? Would you know Him intimately? Would your works be accepted? Would anything be burned? Is there something that makes you feel afraid to meet with Jesus? What is it?

11 **Make a Pledge**

- We can renew our vow to our marriage to the Lord understanding it's deeper implications
- We can honor Him by honoring our earthly roles – and loving people as He loves us