

LIVING IN TIME, PREPARING FOR ETERNITY

Scripture: Revelation 21:5-8

Introduction:

- A. Eternity is defined as unmeasured duration; infinite time; having infinite duration. The word eternal is only used one time in the KJV translation. It speaks of God inhabiting eternity.**
- B. Time is measured duration. It is measured by God's own created clock – years are determined by the earth rotating around the sun once every 365 days – months are determined by the moon rotating around the earth once every 28 days – nights and days are determined by the earth rotating on its own axes once every 24 hours.**
- C. God measures duration in time as we know it for man's benefit.**
- D. The Book of Revelation was written to benefit people living under the sun, living in time on their way to an eternal existence.**
- E. It was written to instruct and to inform and to warn readers concerning their eternal existence following the short time spent on this earth.**
- F. All who hear the message of the Book of Revelation are still alive physically and are living out their time on this earth in sin cursed bodies surrounded by people just like themselves – for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.**
- G. Satan is yet alive and wounded on planet earth and is doing all he can to keep people from hearing and obeying the saving gospel of Jesus Christ.**
- H. Any one reading the words of our text has just read in Revelation 20 the graphic account of the Great White Throne Judgment.**
 - 1. The time when every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is the Christ to the glory of the Father.**
 - 2. The time when the Lord Jesus shall judge all people according to their works.**
 - 3. The time when the whole human race shall be separated according to the record found in the Lamb's Book of Life.**
 - 4. The time when all whose names are not found in the book of life were cast into the lake of fire which is the second death – an eternity in a burning hell.**
- I. Anyone reading the words of our text has also just read in chapter 21 of the beauty and comfort of the heavenly home for the saved.**
- J. Now, our text speaks --He that sat upon the throne speaks a final warning to those who are yet living in time and have not made preparation for a happy eternity; and He points out the way to prepare.**

I. THE LORD PROMISES THE WATER OF LIFE TO THE THIRSTY. V.6

- A. This is the same thirst spoken of in John 4:10 when Jesus spoke to the woman at the well. He said unto her –“If you knew the gift of God and who asked you for a drink of water, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.**
- B. Jesus further said unto her – Whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.**
- C. In John 6:35 Jesus said “he that believeth on me shall never thirst.”**
- D. The Lord quite simply invites those thirsty for a peace the world cannot give to come to Him and He will give you life.**

II. THE LORD PROMISES GREAT THINGS TO OVERCOMERS.

V.7

- A. The over comer shall inherit all things. The One who sat on the throne said, “ I will be his God, and he shall be my son.”**
- B. Jesus said “These things have I spoken unto you, that in me you might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world. John 16:33**
- A. 1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”**
- B. 1 John 5:4 whosoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.**

III. THE LORD IDENTIFIES THOSE WHO STILL HAVE TIME TO PREPARE FOR ETERNITY. V.8

- A. Verse 8 gives a long list of the ungodly who shall have their part in the lake of fire – the fire into which they shall be cast following the Great White Throne Judgment.**
- B. Someone may say, “I am not guilty of these awful things; I am a good moral person.”**
- C. My friend take a look at the second one that tops the list – the unbelieving.**
- D. Refusing to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ is the worst of all sin and in way contributes to all the rest of the sins of the human family.**
- E. God’s Word clearly teaches that repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ fulfills the Bible meaning of believing on the Lord Jesus Christ.**
- F. Those who have not believed to the saving of their souls are counted with the list of those destined to leave time and move into eternity to be punished for eternity.**

CONCLUSIONS:

- A. People, we are all still in time waiting for the coming of the Lord.**
- B. Are you prepared to meet the Judge of the universe? Do you know Him in the free pardon of sin?**
- C. If not, now is the accepted time. Ask His forgiveness and trust Him to save you while there is time.**