

# ***When We Move to Our Heavenly Home***

## **Part Four**

### **THE ACCUSER OF THE HOLY CITY**

In one way, what I am now going to tell you is sad, but it will be glorious in another way. When you arrive at the throne with the LORD Jesus, the lamb of God, the accuser will also still be in heaven, and he will be standing there waiting to tell God the Father why you should not be allowed to be in heaven. He will be standing to the right hand of the LORD Jesus. From the Father's throne looking at you, he will be to the left hand of the Father (Zechariah 3:1). Do not fret, for the Scripture says,

*"The LORD said to Satan, 'The LORD rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, the LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?'" (Zechariah 3:2).*

One of your favorite sayings is out of the book of Jude, "*save others, snatching them out of the fire,*" so, too, you will have been snatched by the LORD out of the fires of this earth to live a glorious life forever with the LORD (Jude 23).

### **THE LAWYER OF THE HOLY CITY**

At the throne of God the Father, you will be well represented by the best lawyer of the Holy City. He is the best Advocate of advocates that ever existed. One of the divine works of the LORD Jesus, as your Advocate, is to render you favorable to God, to be with, and in the presence of God the Father in heaven, at His throne. He did that on the cross for you. He did for you what you could not do for yourself. On the cross, through His sacrifice, through His shedding of His blood from His body, He paid all the penalties for the sin of the unsaved and the saved saint alike, for the Scripture says,

*"we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world" (1 John 2:1-2).*

As the One Who paid the debt of your penalty, and because you are the one who publicly accepted Him as your Savior, He will be the One who introduces you to God the Father. The LORD Jesus Himself said this:

*"Now I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before people, the Son of Man will also confess him before the angels of God" (Luke 12:8).*

I am sure it will go something like this.

**The LORD speaks:** "Father, this is my beloved Kay. She belongs to Me. I belong to her."

**God the Father speaks:** "Kay, well done, My child. Enter into the joy of your salvation."

## THE JOY OF THE HOLY CITY

The whole Holy City will be filled with joy, and there will be joy when you and I arrive. For, “*Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His godly ones*” (Ps 116:15).

You are one of “*His godly ones*.” Heaven rejoiced when you accepted the LORD as Savior. Jesus said,

“*there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance*” (Lk 15:7).

When you and I are there, we will share that same joy as we see those still here on earth accept Jesus.

## THE FAMILY OF THE HOLY CITY

After meeting God the Father, you will begin to meet the family of the Holy City. It is your family. I do not know whom you will meet first, but I can tell you this, your family will begin with the first parents on earth, Adam and Eve. And because everyone who has ever lived on earth came from Adam and Eve, everyone in heaven will be your relatives in two ways. First, they are related to you by blood, and the life passed on to you from Adam and Eve. Second, they are connected to you by faith. Everyone in heaven with you will be there because they called

“*upon the name of the Lord*” (Genesis 4:26).

Calling upon the name of the LORD began with Seth, the third son of Adam and Eve, one of your distant relatives. You will meet Adam, Eve, Seth, Enoch, Methuselah, Noah, Shem, Japheth, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Solomon, Daniel, Jeremiah, Matthew, Mark, John, Luke, and all the rest, along with all their families that have called upon the name of the LORD because they are all related to you in those two ways. They are all part of the family of God.

One thing will be different in heaven in family relationships between husbands and wives. Remember Jesus said,

“*For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven*” (Matthew 22:30).

We will not be angels in heaven, but we will be like angels in our relationships there. Angels do not have babies because the LORD did not make them with the proper body parts to have babies. The word “marriage” means *joining together the right body parts to have babies*. In this verse, Jesus tells us that there will be no sexual giving and taking with the body parts to have babies. No humans will be born in heaven. Humans are born on earth in families and get to be in heaven because of their faith in the LORD Jesus.

## THE HOUSING OF THE HOLY CITY

Now about the housing in the Holy City. Remember, Jesus said,

“*In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you*” (John 14:2).

When the word “mansion” was used in the first English translations, it simply meant a permanent house, as opposed to a tent or temporary dwelling. So, what I can say about this is

simple, it will be exactly the right size for you and our family. Yes, our family. The LORD created this world to exist in family units. Families are important to the LORD, and all family units will be just as important to the LORD in the Holy City. We have a family unit here, and we will be together in the Holy City. I cannot tell you how big our permanent house will be in the Holy City, but the LORD has prepared it for us, and it will be perfect.

#### THE FOOD OF THE HOLY CITY

What about the food of the Holy City? We will eat, but not to sustain life as we do while here on earth. What will be the food? Do you remember the *tree of life* that I mentioned before? It is one tree that runs for about seven hundred and fifty miles along both sides of the banks of the *river of life* by the street of gold that runs from Judah's gate to the throne of God the Father. John described it like for us.

*"Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations"* (Revelation 22:1–2).

That will be one food source, but the LORD will provide another source, too – *manna*. Yes, we are talking about the same food that the LORD fed the Israelites for almost forty years after coming out of Egypt. Speaking of that, the Psalms says,

*"He rained down manna upon them to eat and gave them food from heaven. Man did eat the bread of angels; He sent them food in abundance"* (Ps 78:24–25).

For those of us who overcome this world and spend eternity with the LORD, He will give us manna to eat as a reward. In the Revelation, He says,

*"To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna..."* (Revelation 2:17).

Let me save the remaining thoughts about this for another topic below.

#### THE SMELL IN THE HOLY CITY

On the golden altar in front of God's throne, incense will be burning to add to a sweet aroma of the *"prayers of all the saints."* The golden altar before God the Father is where all the prayers are collected and stored for the Father (Revelation 8:3–4). The city will be filled with the fragrant aroma of these prayers. Your prayers are there right now.

#### THE WORSHIP IN THE HOLY CITY

We will be involved in worship in the Holy City just as we spent time worshiping the LORD here on earth. You and I belong to all the redeemed who will spend eternity with the LORD. When the LORD redeemed us,

*"He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God..."* (Ps 40:3).

Speaking about our redemption, Peter said it was

*"things into which angels long to look"* (1 Peter 1:12).

You will not hear one musical song from an angel in the Holy City – music is a form of worship that will be reserved for the redeemed. I hear you singing worship hymns almost every day as you do your business. You will enjoy even more singing songs of worship in the Holy City more than you do here on earth – and that means a whole lot.

#### THE WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE HOLY CITY

Because of where we live in the timeline of the LORD's plan, when we make our move to heaven, we will most likely arrive long before the wedding announcement occurs in the Holy City. Fret not about that. Remember, time is different from what we have on earth. In heaven's time, we will soon hear the wedding announcement no matter when we arrive. It will be spoken by the Father, Who will tell our LORD Jesus, "*go and receive His Bride*" for the Their wedding.

While here on earth, we are part of the Church because we have accepted the LORD as our Savior. Accepting the LORD makes us part of the Church, and the Church is the Bride of Christ. It is called the Bride because the marriage has not occurred. The Bride is just engaged to the LORD right now. When the wedding occurs, the Bride will become His Wife. But when the Father gives the word, the LORD will come to retrieve the Bride from this world and take Her to heaven for the wedding ceremony.