

Permanent Heaven

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS



Key Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:10 — For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

1. There are two judgments: the Judgment of Faith and the Judgment of Works. Are you clear about the differences? If not, what is still unclear?

2. Pastor Michael shared that Permanent Heaven will be on a restored Earth. We have never known a world without sin, suffering, and death. What do you imagine when you think of a restored Earth?

3. The Kingdom of God is advancing! We are co-laboring with Christ to see His Kingdom come on the earth. What are you doing day by day to see the Kingdom come?

4. What excites you the most about Permanent Heaven?

Quotes:

Peter Marshall: *"Our destiny is an earthly one: a new earth, an earth redeemed and transfigured. An earth reunited with heaven, but an earth nevertheless."*

Billy Graham: *"The Bible tells us that God will bring Heaven to earth, where He will live among His people."*

Anthony Hoekema: *"God will make the new earth His dwelling place. Heaven and earth will then no longer be separated as they are now, but they will be one."*

Wayne Grudem: *"Christians often talk about living with God 'in heaven' forever. But in fact, the biblical teaching is richer than that. It tells us that there will be a new earth—an entirely renewed creation—and we will live with God there. There will be a unification of Heaven and Earth, a joining of them in this new creation."*

C.S. Lewis: *"It's like it's always winter and never quite Christmas."*

J.R.R. Tolkien (Thorin Oakenshield): *"Farewell, I go now to the halls of waiting to sit beside my fathers, until the world is renewed."*

Martyn Lloyd-Jones: *"The biblical teaching about the eternal state is very clear. Everything will be glorified, even nature itself."*

Isaac Watts, "Joy to the World": *"No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground. He comes to make His blessings flow, far as the curse is found."*

Athanasius: *"There's not one square inch in all of the universe that God doesn't look at and say, 'That's mine.' He's going to come and restore it all."*

John Donne: *"I shall rise from the dead. I shall see the Son of God, the Sun of Glory, and shine myself as that sun shines. I shall be united to the Ancient of Days, to God Himself, who had no morning, never began. No man ever saw God and lived. And yet, I shall not live until I see Him. And when I have seen Him, I shall never die."*

Sam Storms: *"We will constantly be more amazed with God, more in love with God, and thus ever more relishing His presence and our relationship with Him. Our experience of God will never reach its end. We will never finally arrive; it will never become stale. It will deepen and develop, intensify and amplify, unfold and increase, broaden and balloon."*