

# HEAVEN, GOD'S HOME!

## A Clear Look at the Battle for the Souls of Men!

### Romans 5: 6-11

Genesis 1:1 *"In the Beginning God Created the Heaven and the earth"*

Genesis 1: 2 *"And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of god moved upon the face of the waters."*

Heaven – image of provision coming down/ pillars of Clouds/ protection from the elements – giving protection as well as un-matched power coming down.

There is a major separation from Heaven and Earth, and earth became infected by the forces of rebellion that brought such distress on the planet.

### Mankind Fights Five Different Enemies here on Earth

#### 1. The World itself

Galatians 1: 3, 4 *"Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God the Father"*

1<sup>st</sup> John 2: 15 *"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."*

James 4: 4 *"... know ye not that the friendship of the world, is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend to the world is the enemy of God."*

#### 2. The Flesh

Romans 7: 18 *"For I know that in me (that is in my flesh), dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not."*

Romans 8: 18 *"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. The earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."*

Galatians 5: 17 *"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."*

1<sup>st</sup> John 2: 16 *"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."*

Jeremiah 17: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 **Read**

### 3. The Devil

John 12: 31 *"Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."*

John 14: 30, 31 *"Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence."*

John 16: 11 *"Of Judgement because the prince of this world is judgd."*

Matthew 13: 38-39 *"The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom: but the tares are the children of the wicked one; the enemy is the devil;..."*

Ephesians 6: 10-11 *"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."*

### 4. Physical death

Hebrews 9: 27 *"...as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement."*

Psalms 55: 4 *"My heart is sore in pain within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me."* When (Thanatos comes) Thanatos – 2288 – physically the act of dying.

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15: 25-26 – the last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Revelation 21: 13 *"And the sea gave up their dead, and death and Hell gave up the dead that were in them."*

Hebrews 2: 11-19 – **Read** – Even thou you know God, your death can be sweet or your physical death can be a Horror. **All depending on our being in harmony with the person of Christ!!!**

### 5. Spiritual Death

John 5: 24 *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life."*

John 8: 51 *"Verily, Verily, I say unto you,, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death (Thanatos)."*

Revelation 2: 11 *"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death."*

John 3: 5-6 *"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."*

John 3: 3 *"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."*

*John 3: 16*

*Romans 5: 7-11* **Read**

*Phil. 3: 12-21* – **Read for conclusion**

## **God's Answer:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15: 34, 55-58**

**The Sting of Death** – Here death is pictured as a venomous serpent that has lost its teeth.

**The Grave** – where is your victory? Bodies that are in the graves, seemingly in cages of no return, will come forth from their cages transformed.

**Jesus is our Conquer and our example!**

**Jesus came out of the grave as a body.** The same body that He laid down He picked up. The body was transformed. Scars for us remained but He was not recognized as the Man who died on the tree.

## **In this chapter Paul gives us some extremely rich news:**

- **There is a resurrection from the dead.** And if you live like there isn't, you are of all men most miserable. (vs 19)
- **Christ Jesus showed us how it would be.** Jesus went into the grave in corruption but raised in incorruption.
- **His death was in dishonor** but was raised in honor. (vs 42-43)
- **His death was to us in weakness** but He was raised in Power!
- **He was sown in His Natural Body** but raised in His Spiritual Body!
- **As we have born the image of the earthly** so shall we borne the image of the heavenly!

The resurrection of Jesus was not only to take our spirit to heaven when we die but to redeem the fleshly bodies that are now in disrepair and failing moment by moment to be raised incorruptible and live eternally in heaven in the same body for all eternity.

Then He finished this statement about the Resurrection and its glory to say to us, *"Don't you worry, you just keep laboring and faint not.* (vs 58)

- **Be steadfast**
- **Unmovable**
- **Always abounding in the work of the Lord**