

THE MINUTE AFTER – Week #3
Heaven - Thank Heavens!
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1 Corinthians 2:9 (quoting Isaiah 64:4) (NLT) *No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.*

John 14:1-4 (NIV) *Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.*

v. 5 (NIV) *Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?*

v. 6 (NIV) *I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me*

Revelation 21:1-7 (NLT) *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. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ 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. ⁴ 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." ⁵ And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. ⁷ All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

1 Corinthians 13:12 (NIV) *For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.*

1 John 3:2 (NLT) *Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, **for we will see him as he really is.***

Revelation 21:18-21 (NIV) *The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.*
v.22 (NIV) *I saw no temple in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.*
v.23 (NIV) *And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light.*



1 Corinthians 15:40 (NLT) *There are also bodies in the heavens and bodies on the earth. The glory of the heavenly bodies is different from the glory of the earthly bodies.*

V. 43-44 *Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. ⁴⁴ They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies.*

Revelation 14:13 (NLT) *Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for **they will rest from their hard work**; for their good deeds follow them!*

Genesis 2:15 (NLT) *The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.*

Kopos (Greek) often used in the NT to emphasize the negative aspects of work. Usually translated as “trouble” or “labor” or “toil”

Isaiah 65:17-25 (MSG) *Pay close attention now: I'm creating new heavens and a new earth. All the earlier troubles, chaos, and pain are things of the past, to be forgotten. Look ahead with joy. Anticipate what I'm creating: I'll create Jerusalem as sheer joy, create my people as pure delight. I'll take joy in Jerusalem, take delight in my people: No more sounds of weeping in the city, no cries of anguish; No more babies dying in the cradle or old people who don't enjoy a full lifetime; One-hundredth birthdays will be considered normal—anything less will seem like a cheat. **They'll build houses and move in. They'll plant fields and eat what they grow. No more building a house that some outsider takes over, No more planting fields that some enemy confiscates,** For my people will be as long-lived as trees, my chosen ones will have satisfaction in their*

work. They won't work and have nothing come of it, they won't have children snatched out from under them. For they themselves are plantings blessed by GOD, with their children and grandchildren likewise GOD-blessed. Before they call out, I'll answer. Before they've finished speaking, I'll have heard. Wolf and lamb will graze the same meadow, lion and ox eat straw from the same trough, but snakes—they'll get a diet of dirt! Neither animal nor human will hurt or kill anywhere on my Holy Mountain,” says GOD.

Revelation 21:17 (NLT) **Nothing evil will be allowed to enter,** nor anyone who practices shameful idolatry and dishonesty— but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (NIV) *Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ **So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.** 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.*

TAKE IT FURTHER/CHALLENGE:

- What do you hope to experience when you first enter Heaven?
- How has this series affected what you believe about eternity and how you will live out your life here on earth?

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