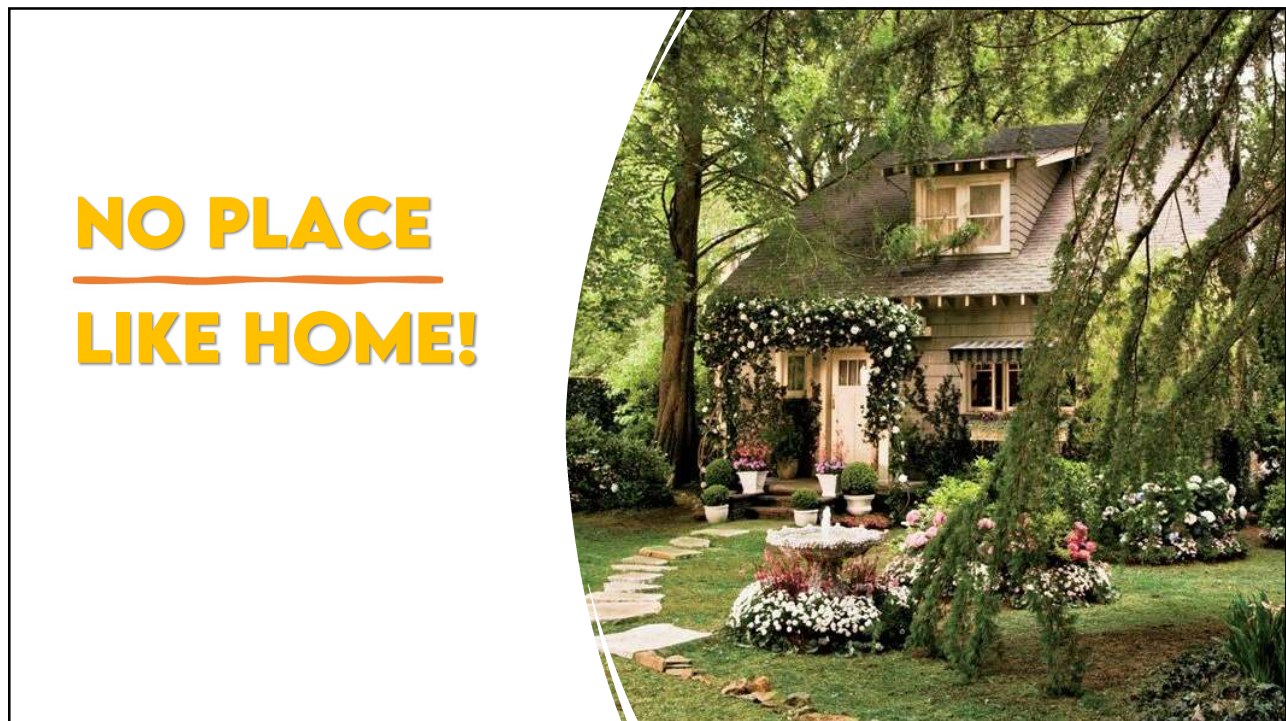




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DWELLING WITH GOD

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1. What is Heaven?
2. Is the Present Heaven Our Eternal Home?
3. The Resurrection of Earth
4. The Resurrection of Believers
5. The Resurrection of our Deeds
6. Seeing the Earth Restored
7. Seeing God Face to Face
8. Dwelling with God
9. Worship on the New Earth
10. Ruling on the New Earth
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12. Animals in Heaven
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SCRIPTURE

- ❖ LEVITICUS 26:11-12
- ❖ EZEKIEL 37:27
- ❖ 2 CORINTHIANS 6:16
- ❖ JOHN 14:3
- ❖ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:8
- ❖ PHILIPPIANS 1:23

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What will it mean physically for

GOD TO DWELL

among us?

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MERGING OF TWO WORLDS

The Present Heaven

The primary home of God, Angels, and Believers who have passed.

The Present Earth

The primary home of humanity

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MERGING OF TWO WORLDS

The New Earth

The eternal home of God, Angels, and God's People

- Nothing will separate us from God, and nothing will separate Earth and Heaven. (Romans 8:38-39)
- Once God and mankind dwell together, there will be no difference between Heaven and Earth.
- The purpose of God will, at last, be achieved: *"To bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ"* (Ephesians 1:10).

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What else does dwelling **WITH GOD** entail for Believers?

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DWELLING WITH GOD

Lev 26:11-12

I will place my residence **among you**, and I will not reject you. I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be **my people**.

Eze 37:27

My dwelling place will be **with them**; I will be their God, and they will be **my people**.

2 Cor 6:16

And what agreement does the temple of God have with idols? For we are the temple of the living God, as God said: I will dwell and walk **among them**, and I will be their God, and they will be **my people**.

What are the common threads?

What does it mean for us to be

MY PEOPLE

to Almighty God?

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LIVING WITH GOD

- In Eden, God came down to Earth, the home of mankind, whenever he wished (**Genesis 3:8**).
- On the New Earth, God and mankind will be able to come to each other whenever they wish.
- We will not have to leave home to visit God, nor will God leave home to visit us.
- God and mankind will live together forever in the same home—the New Earth.

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Who else will
DWELL AMONG US
 besides God himself?

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DWELLING WITH JESUS		What is the common thread?
John 14:3 If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself , so that where I am you may be also.	2 Cor 5:8 In fact, we are confident, and we would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord .	Phil 1:23 I am torn between the two. I long to depart and be with Christ —which is far better.
		What do you think it will be like to be inseparable from Jesus?

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How can millions of people all
BE WITH JESUS
 and receive personal attention?

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FINITE
VERSUS
INFINITE

❖ **Finite**

- Having limits or bounds.

❖ **Infinite**

- Limitless or endless in space, extent, or size; impossible to measure or calculate.

Jesus is God, and God is

INFINITE
 and omnipresent.

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DEITY

VERSUS

HUMANITY

❖ **Christ's humanity** defined the extent of his presence in his first coming and life on Earth.

✓ *By His choice, humanity trumped deity by limiting omnipresence. (John 1:14)*

❖ **Christ's deity** will define the extent of his presence in his second coming and life on the New Earth.

✓ *By His choice again, deity will trump normal human inability to be in two places simultaneously.*

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What about the
HOLY SPIRIT,
 what will His role be in Heaven?

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What do you think of the idea that
GOD WILL SERVE
us in the New Heaven?

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If it was our idea, it would be
BLASPHEMY,
but it is His idea.

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BLESSED SERVANTS

LUKE 12:35-37

³⁵"Be ready for service and have your lamps lit. ³⁶You are to be like people waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet so that when he comes and knocks, they can open the door for him at once. ³⁷Blessed will be those servants the master finds alert when he comes. Truly I tell you, **he will get ready, have them recline at the table, then come and serve them.**

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OVERWHELMED BY GRACE

ISAIAH 25:6

On this mountain, **the LORD of Armies will prepare** for all the peoples a feast of choice meat, a feast with aged wine, prime cuts of choice meat, fine vintage wine.

God will be the chef!

The King becomes a servant, treating his servants like kings!

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Can you envision what it will mean to
REST AND RELAX
in Heaven, in God's presence?

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REST & RELAXATION IN HEAVEN

What will it mean to be
happy, content, worry-
free, and without fear
of what will happen
next or what we or
others will do?

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Have you sent
in your
RSVP?

- ❖ God will dwell among us on the New Earth, forever merging Heaven and Earth into one.
- ❖ At long last, God's heart desire will be fulfilled; He will be our God and we will be His people.
- ❖ In addition to the indwelling Holy Spirit, we will have unrestrained access to God the Father and Jesus the Son, at all times.
- ❖ We will be happy, content, fearless, worry-free, and in perfect health for all eternity.
- ❖ That's the world the Father is creating for all who love Him and have accepted His invitation.

WORSHIP ON THE NEW EARTH

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