



## ***All This, And Heaven Too***

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## **What Will Heaven Be Like?**

### ➤ **A Place Of Great Beauty**

4. Read Revelation 21:18-21 which describes the new Jerusalem. Share some thoughts and observations about this description.

### ➤ **A Place Of Great Joy**

5. You wouldn't know it by many a Christian's demeanor, but Joy and Jesus belong together. What do the following verses say?

*John 15:11*

*Matthew 25:23*

*Zephaniah 3:14-17*

How much joy have you had in your life lately?

What might you do to nudge up the Joy-Meter?

## What Will We Do In Heaven?

6. There's a lot of uncertainty we all have about life in heaven, that sometimes actually restricts our desire to be there. Robert Frost describes this in his famous poem *Birches*. Here's a stanza.

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And then come back to it and begin over.  
May no fate willfully misunderstand me  
And half grant what I wish and snatch me away  
Not to return. Earth's the right place for love:  
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Why do you think Frost felt this way? Have you ever felt this way?

Did the apostle Paul feel this way? Read Philippians 1:21-24.

7. While the Bible is sparing of details concerning what we will do, it is not sparing of its promises. What do the following verses say?

*1 Corinthians 2:9*

*John 14:1-3*

Do these words give you hope that whatever is coming will work out just fine? Explain your answer.

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What images and ideas do these verses bring to mind?

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