

## **Life's real meaning - Dec. 13, 2020**

**What is the main reason God created this earth, and mankind?**

**Why are we here on this earth just for a few years?**

**It is so important to understand these questions!**

**Today we want consider the root of the matter.**

**We are told in the first verse of the Bible: that...**

**In the beginning God created heaven and earth. Genesis 1:1.**

**But then, all through the rest of the Bible, we are later told \_**

**That heaven and earth are going to pass away.**

**Therefore, this earth is temporary. This is a very important point.**

**Earth is only here for a certain amount of time, then it passes away.**

**There is going to be a new heaven and a new earth.**

**Listen to the words of Jesus over and over:**

**In Mt 24:35; Mk. 13:31; Lu 21:33. “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.” And then from Isaiah 65:17 -**

**“For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.” Isaiah 65:17;**

**Then in Isaiah 66:22; “For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.” Then 2 Peter 3:13,**

**“Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.” See 2 Peter 3:10-13,**

**1 Jo 2:17\* And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.**

There are a number of other scriptures that clearly tell us -  
That this earth is temporary, it is going to pass away and be forgotten.  
There is going to be a new earth, and the new earth will last forever.  
And only the righteous, the redeemed, will go into the new earth.  
The unredeemed will pass away with this present Earth.  
They are called the children of this world. They stay here.  
When Earth passes away, they pass away with it.  
Remember, the lake of fire is in the center of this earth.

So now, let's go to the end of the Bible, in Revelation 21:1:  
“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.” Revelation 21:1

When Jesus comes again, he will reign on the earth for 1000 years.  
This is found in Revelation chapter 20.  
But at the end of the millennium, the human race is tested one more time.  
Then this present earth and heaven will pass away.

And there will be a new heaven and a new Earth. Again Revelation 21:1:  
“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.”

Only one thing remains from this earth, that goes into the new earth:  
Revelation 21:9 - here it is:

John is told, come here and I will show you the bride, the lambs wife.  
“Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb’s wife.” Revelation 21:9

When this earth passes away, only one thing remains from this earth.  
The lamb's bride, a redeemed people, who have responded to God's love.  
This reveals the heart of the matter. Why God created this temporary earth.  
This temporary earth is to develop a tested people, who will replace the fallen inhabitants of heaven.

**So, let's go back and look at the rebellion that started in heaven by Lucifer. This was before the foundation of the earth. Let's look at Isaiah 14:12-14: Five times Lucifer exalted his own will, above Gods will.**

**“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.” Isaiah 14:12-14**

**Here is the beginning of sin in the universe, it started in heaven. Sin started in the very presence of God. Self-will, self exaltation. Lucifer wanted to steal God's position. Constantly he said I will. I will ascend, I will exalt, I will be God.**

**Sin begins with self-will. Never mind what God wants, this is what I want. Ignoring God's plan for my life, and following my heart. Doing my own will. This is the root of all sin. Self will — follow your heart, do what you want. This is the spirit and thinking of this world, and it comes from Satan.**

**Then Lucifer, who's name was later changed to Satan, adversary... Persuaded 1/3 of heaven to follow him. We see this in Revelation 12. Satan is pictured as a great red Dragon, his tail draws one third of heaven.**

**“And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: Revelation 12:4**

**In the middle of the last seven years, Last 3 1/2 yrs. just before Jesus comes... Starts the great tribulation. There is a tremendous war in heaven. Satan and 1/3 of heaven are thrown out, and they come down to earth.**

**During these last 3 1/2 years, just before Jesus comes,  
Is the reign of the antichrist. Why does God allow the antichrist to come,  
The antichrist comes just before Jesus comes, to test the human race.  
Separate the wheat from the tares. To deepen the commitment of the godly**

**So again, let's clarify why God created this temporary Earth.**

**There was a rebellion in heaven, and 1/3 of heaven joined the rebellion.  
There are many vacancies in heaven, many who have lost their positions.**

**So God later created this temporary Earth, to develop a tested people.**

**Who would replace the fallen inhabitants of heaven. In 1 Corinthians 6:3:**

**Paul tells us, “Know ye not that we shall judge angels?**

**We are called to replace the fallen inhabitants of heaven .**

**But we must pass the tests they failed. We must overcome self-will, and  
not listen to the wrong spirit... Satan, who is also the prince of this world.**

**What does God want from this present creation? Close Friends.**

**A people who love him from their own free choice.**

**We were created with the power of choice.**

**You can never force anyone to love you. God offers his love to everyone.**

**But only some respond.**

**Remember, when this earth passes away, only one thing remains...**

**A tested people who have responded to God's love. A glorious bride.**

**A beautiful people, conformed to Christ's Image, very compatible to him.**

**When Jesus came down from heaven... listen to what He said - Heb. 10:5-7**

**“When he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou  
wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and  
sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the  
volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.”**

**His whole life, he continually said, Father, not my will but your will be done.**

**He came to conquer self will, in fallen man. This is man's greatest problem.**

**The source of all sin, is self will.**

This short life is only a preparation for the next life, which is eternal.  
I like to call this short time on earth, a temporary workshop.  
It is to develop us for the next life, — eternity.  
But sadly, most people totally miss the point!

Most people only live for this short life, they have no eternal vision.  
They have no idea why God created them, and this temporary earth.  
So, with only this short life in view:

People want the praise of men, and they ignore God.  
They live only for what they can see. But faith looks beyond, to the unseen.  
Many people want man's respect and honor. Not God's.

People want money, nice things, security, to look prosperous.  
They want man's approval, but I want God's approval more than man's.  
God's approval is something that lasts for all eternity.

People want control, power, influence, popularity, a great name.  
People compromise, lie, use deceit, anything to get to the top.  
Anything to have power and control.  
Anything to be number one. That is the spirit of this world, and Satan.  
Satan controls the thinking and spirit of this world.

And the biggest problem of all, wanting human love, more than God's love.  
Again, what is the only thing that remains when this earth passes away? -  
“John come here, I will show you the bride the Lambs wife” Rev. 21:9.  
The one main thing God wants out of this Earth, is a beautiful bride.  
Therefore, Satan's greatest attack is against marriage and the family.

When God created this earth, he put a design in all the creatures.  
Every living creature was created as male and female. A divine message.  
God is telling us what He wants out of this earth, a beautiful bride.  
The Lord wants close, compatible friends.... Who deeply love Him.  
A people conformed to His image. Those He can open his heart to.

## **The purpose of marriage**

**As we have said, when this temporary earth passes away,  
The only thing that remains is a bride, the lambs wife.  
All the creatures that God made, are male and female.  
Marriage in the natural, is God's object lesson of our relationship with him.  
So let's talk about the importance of marriage.  
Seeing that life revolves around marriage.**

**The Lord wants a bride, someone very compatible to Him. Someone -  
Conformed to his image, loves what he loves / hates what he hates.  
This is what this life is all about, being made compatible for our Creator.  
Satan's number one attack is against marriage and the family.  
Satan is trying to destroy our relationship with our Maker.  
We are called to be his bride; he wants to be our hero, our Protector.  
The Lord is our head, all our impulses should come from the Head.**

**In human marriage, we need to learn wisdom, forbearance, understanding,  
Forgiveness, unselfishness, long-suffering, meekness, many other virtues.  
These are divine qualities that Christ (our heavenly bridegroom) wants to  
develop in us.**

**Many people have a totally wrong idea of the meaning of marriage.  
It is to teach us about our relationship with our heavenly bridegroom.  
This life is to prepare us for our heavenly bridegroom.**

**Many people think, marriage to satisfy all my emotional needs and wants.  
If my companion does not meet my needs, I will leave him or her.  
I will seek happiness in another person.  
No, marriage is to teach us many divine, unselfish qualities.  
Forgiveness, humility, meekness, forbearance, wisdom and understanding.  
These virtues in marriage, are preparing us for our heavenly bridegroom.**

**And we are to teach our children all of the same virtues.**

**We are to produce godly sons and daughters.**

**Why did God have to destroy the Earth with a flood in the days of Noah?  
Because marriage and the home was totally destroyed.**

**Therefore society became totally corrupt. Same with Sodom /Gomorrah.  
This is the reason marriage is so important.**

**Marriage represents our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**We must emphasize the importance of purity in marriage.**

**We must keep ourselves morally pure before marriage.**

**We must ask God for his choice in marriage, and wait for his time.**

**If we build our home on a good foundation, we will have a good fruit.**

**We will produce godly sons and daughters.**

**We are on this earth only for a short time, to prepare us for eternity.**

**So let's teach our children to be godly, to be morally pure.**

**To wait for God's choice and God's time for a future spouse.**

**There are two main things we take with us when we die.**

**Isaiah 66:22 “For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make,  
shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name  
remain.”**

**At the moment we die, and our spirit comes out of our body, what are we  
taking with us? Nothing tangible! Isaiah tells us:**

**So shall your name and your seed shall remain.**

**Your name is your character. Who you are. We want godly character.**

**This is the one main thing we take with us into the next life. Character.**

**And, our seed. People we've influenced for eternity. Spiritual sons....**

**They are part of our reward. Paul said; what is our hope, Joy, crown?**

**You are, at the coming of the Lord. You are my crown, my reward. 1Th 2:19\***

**“For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?”**

**Isaiah 66:22 tells us what to invest in during this short life.**

**Our name - that's our character. Having good, honest, godly character.**

**And our Seed - the people we've invested in. They are part of our reward.**

## **A better resurrection - differing rewards**

**Hebrews 11:35, mentions a better resurrection.**

**“Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:”**

**People who have lived a godly and devout life, have a better resurrection.**

**We want a better eternity, a better resurrection.**

**Jesus tells us in Matt. 5:19 some are great in the kingdom, some are least.**

**Revelation 22:12, tells us that we will be rewarded according to our works,  
“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”**

**Of course, we cannot earn salvation by our works.**

**That is only by the blood of Jesus.**

**But our rewards in heaven will be determined by our works here on earth.**

**Christians who have not been wholehearted, will have less rewards.**

**Others who were sacrificial and wholehearted, have a far greater reward.**

**Many people are taught that we all have the same rewards. No.**

**Do you think that someone who has lived carelessly, but found repentance as he was dying, has the same reward as someone who lived a sacrificial life, and died as a martyr? No.**



**So let's summarize, what is the real meaning of life?**

**God created this temporary Earth, to develop a tested people. A bride.**

**We are only on earth for a short time, to prepare us for eternity.**

**Jesus died on the cross, to redeem a people, to produce close friends.**

**He offers forgiveness, eternal life, eternal joy to everyone...**

**But only some respond to him, and give their lives to him.**

**Many just ignore him, and have no eternal vision.**

**Let's invest in eternal matters.**

**Let's invest in our character, that is something we take with us.**

**Let's invest in the lives of other people, people are eternal.**

**They also are part of our reward.**

**Remember, this life is very short.**

**We are only here to prepare us for the next life.**

**We need a greater eternal vision.**

### **Distractions / Counterfeits that man glories in**

**“Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, .... Jeremiah 9:23, 24,**

**Intellectual pride - glorying in men's wisdom**

**Might - physical strength, Athletic abilities, military might**

**Riches - money is a big distraction. Influence with money...**

**Lets major on knowing and understanding the Lord.**

**This is something we take with us into the next life.**

**God bless you!**

