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Now Is the Time: Look!

Revelation 21:22-27: ²²“I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.”

Points to Ponder

1. Read Revelation 21:23. God’s glory will light up heaven. What comfort do you get from this verse?
2. Is there any place greater or grander than heaven? So what does that tell us about the riches of the world we live in now? Are they worth chasing?
3. Read Revelation 21:25. What does it mean that there will be no night there? Does it mean there will be no darkness ever? Hint: What does “night” represent here?
4. Why is there no need for a gate to heaven—or that it’s always open as mentioned in verse 25?

5. Knowing that heaven is in our future, how does it also make us unafraid as we live our lives on earth and as we face death?

We have every reason to look forward eagerly to heaven. God will be with us at all times and, his glory will light it up. All darkness, sin, sadness, and fear will be banished, and we will be completely safe and secure. Only God's believing children who have been made as clean and pure as Jesus will be in heaven with him. As we look forward to heaven, we are unafraid of death and share that hope with those around us.

What else does God say?

John 14:2: "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?"

Revelation 21:4: "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.