

Are you looking for a city?

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Introduction

1. Hebrews 11:8-16
2. Abraham was looking for a city, which hath foundation, whose builder and maker is God
3. Things were not easy for many of the saints through out the ages Hebrews 10:32-34
4. How could these people of Hebrews 11 live a separated and sacrificial life?
5. They lived in tents that are temporary and transient in nature, would you be willing to give up your home to live in a tent and no permanent place to put it?
6. They were looking beyond the land notice verses 10 (he looked for a city, 14 (they seek a country, 16 (they desire a better country)
7. We too are to do the same, Colossians 3:1-2; Philippians 1:23; 3:20-21; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:8; 2 Peter 3:13
8. What does it mean to look for this city, why look, what is entailed when looking for this city?
9. It is because what is in this city, the nature of this city, and the population of this city
10. Let us look at some things relative to that city which will help us see that this city is like

II Discussion

1. This city is real
 - a. Some have thought through out the ages and said Heaven is not real
 - b. Others have said that God is everywhere and therefore heaven is everywhere
 - c. Others have tried to state that heaven is the creation of man's own thinking
 - d. Jesus speaks of His coming down from heaven (John 6:33-51 6 times) verse 38
 - e. Jesus taught His disciples to pray to The Father which art in heaven Matthew 6:9
 - f. Paul was caught up into the third heaven 2 Corinthians 12:2-4
 - g. Our citizenship is to be in heaven Philippians 3:20 AVS
2. This city is reachable
 - a. There are some cities on this earth that are real, but are unreachable to us.
 - b. The moon is real but none here are trained to go, thus unreachable to us.
 - c. Jesus came down from heaven John 3:13, 31; 6:33, 38; He is also going back (John 14:1-2)
 - d. Peter preached that Christ is in heaven Acts 2:33 therefore it is real
 - e. Peter made it clear that this city is reachable 1 Peter 1:3-4
 - f. We can lay treasures up in heaven Matthew 6:19-21
3. This city is remarkable
 - a. It is remarkable because God is it's builder Hebrews 11:16
 - b. Think how remarkable living on earth and heaven is far better
 - c. The blind seeing, the mute singing, the deaf hearing, and the cripple walking
4. This city is rewarding
 - a. To face and endure temptation has its reward Matthew 5:11-12
 - b. To be doing good will not cause a person to lose their reward Matthew 10:41-42
 - c. We can receive the reward of our inheritance Colossians 3:24; 1 Peter 1:4
 - d. To meet the saints of old (Noah, Abraham, Moses, Elijah, and David
5. This city is righteous
 - a. Peter said that righteousness would dwell therein 2 Peter 3:13
 - b. Abraham dealing with God about how many righteous people were in Sodom Genesis 18:23-33 but in this city that is all that will dwell there
 - c. The description of the city shows that there will be no unrighteousness there Revelation 21:8, 27

6. This city will remain
 - a. This city has foundation Hebrews 11:9-10 a tent does not have foundations
 - b. We have here no continuing city, but we seek one to come Hebrews 13:14
 - c. Where are the great cities of the Old Testament? New Testament? There are few but not many; most lie in ruins. Hiroshima and Nagasaki?
 - d. Hurricane Katrina how many homes stood that test Matthew 7:24-27
 - e. In heaven we have a better an enduring substance Hebrews 10:34
 - f. Heaven is not temporary it will last forever
 - g. Peter stated that it would not fade away 1 Peter 1:4

III Conclusion

1. What are you looking for?
2. Are you looking for this city or for something that will not be here for very long.
3. Heaven is a better place and a place we are to be looking for; are you?
4. Start looking for this city in the correct place and get there the correct way
5. Start now

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