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"12 Things Not in Heaven"

- 1. No more sea—nothing to separate us.
- 2. No more tears—nothing to sadden us.
- 3. No more death—nothing to take our lives.
- 4. No more mourning—nothing grieves us.
- 5. No more crying—nothing to take our breath away.
- 6. No more pain—nothing to hurt us.
- 7. No more thirst—nothing to long for.
- 8. No more wickedness—nothing to defile us.
- 9. No more temple—nothing to wondering "Where is God?"
- 10. No more night—nothing to scare us.
- 11. No more closed gates—nothing to distance us from God.
- 12. No more curse—nothing to keep us from what God intended.

#### "Heaven will be life as God intended it to be."

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# arth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

## The Words of the Almighty

Study Verse Section - Revelation 21:7–8, NIV84 - 7 He who OVERCOMES [a common theme in Revelations, cf., 1 Jn. 5:4-5\*] Will inherit all this [rf., "heaven"; this specific word is used only here in the NT and lit. means, "To take possession of all things"], and I will be his God and he will be my son. <sup>8</sup> But the cowardly [Gk: δειλιάω, "day-los" means "to bow in fear"; it roots the Gk. phrase, ἐδειλίασα; "e-day-lee-OH-sa", lit., "to bow to another in fear" and was a pejorative description Christians used to describe those who so feared Caesar that they worshipped himnot Holy God], the unbelieving [lit., no faith(ful)], the vile [lit., detestable-some translations used the term abominable (the root word means to be 'polluted')], the murderers [those that unlawfully kill another human life; one who commits a homicide], the sexually immoral [Gk: πόρνος, "pom-os", one who seeks sexual satisfaction out side of the biblical definition marriage] those who practice magic arts [translates the one Gk. word, φάρμακος, "phar-ma-kos", from which we get our word, "pharmacy"-it refers to a misuse of drugs] the idolaters [those that worship something/someone other than Holy God] and all liars [those that do not tell the truth]-their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second [ie., eternal] death."

\*1 John 5:3–5, NASB95 - <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not burdensome.<sup>4</sup> For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.<sup>5</sup> Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

#### Two Important Statements about "The Almighty"

Revelation 21:5–6, NIV84 - <sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said. "I am making everything new!" Then he said. "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."<sup>6</sup> He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

### 1. He will be a to the saved.

Revelation 21:7, NLT - 7 All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

#### 2. He will be a to the unsaved.

**Revelation 21:8. NCV** -<sup>8</sup> But cowards, those who refuse to believe, who do evil things, who kill, who sin sexually, who do evil..., who worship idols, and who tell lies-all these will have a place in the lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."



Every man, woman and child desperately needs Christ!



## Answers to "The Words of the Almighty" Sermon Based on Revelation 21:7-8

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