

# Lesson 12: How to Get to Heaven

**Memory Verse:** Revelation 22:14 "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

## I. Who Will Be There?

1. God has a place R\_\_\_\_\_ in heaven for \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Peter 1:4

What are the conditions of receiving this place? Look in the next verse: 1 Peter 1:5

Those "who are \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God through \_\_\_\_\_" will inherit this place.

2. Those who keep God's C\_\_\_\_\_ have the right to enter. Rev. 22:14

3. We cannot expect to be part of God's kingdom if we refuse to do God's W\_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 7:21

4. Revelation 22:7 tells us: "Behold, I come \_\_\_\_\_: blessed is he that \_\_\_\_\_ the sayings of the prophecy of this book."

5. Revelation 21:27, last part tells us that "they which are \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lamb's \_\_\_\_\_ of life" are the only ones who will enter into the holy city. So we must have our names written in the book of life.

**Note:** "The book of life contains the names of all who have ever entered the service of God. Jesus bade His disciples, 'Rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.' Luke 10:20. Paul speaks of his faithful fellow workers, 'Whose names are in the book of life.' Phil. 4:3." FLB 210.3

"Those whose lives were made beautiful by little acts of kindness, by tender words of affection and sympathy, whose hearts recoiled from strife and contention, who never did any great work in order to be lauded of men, these are found recorded in the Lamb's book of life. Though the world counted them as insignificant, they are approved of God before the assembled universe." FLB 370.4

6. In order for our names to remain in the book of life, what must we do? Revelation 3:5

"He that \_\_\_\_\_, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will \_\_\_\_\_ blot out his \_\_\_\_\_ out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of life, but I will \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ before my Father, and before his angels."

**Note:** "When any have sins remaining upon the books of record, unrepented of and unforgiven, their names will be blotted out of the book of life." ... [*But*] "all who have **truly repented** of sin, and by faith **claimed the blood of Christ** as their atoning sacrifice, have had pardon entered against their names in the books of heaven; as they have become **partakers of the righteousness** of Christ, and their **characters are found to be in harmony with the law of God**, their **sins will be blotted out**, and they themselves will be accounted worthy of eternal life." GC 483.1,2 Their sins will be blotted out of the book of life instead of their names.

"If your name is registered in the Lamb's book of life, then all will be well with you. **Be ready and anxious to confess your faults and forsake them**, that your mistakes and sins may go beforehand to judgment and be blotted out." FLB 210.7

7. Who will inherit all these things? He that O\_\_\_\_\_ Revelation 2:7,11,17

"He that \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." Revelation 21:7

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8. "And the Spirit and the bride say, \_\_\_\_\_. And let him that heareth say, \_\_\_\_\_ . And let him that is athirst \_\_\_\_\_. And whosoever \_\_\_\_\_, let him take the water of life freely." Revelation 22:17  
God wants you to C \_\_\_\_\_. Will you? \_\_\_\_\_.

### **II. Who Will Not Be There?**

9. Revelation 20:15  
"Whosoever was \_\_\_\_\_ found \_\_\_\_\_ in the book of \_\_\_\_\_ "
10. Revelation 21:8; 22:15  
"The Fearful,  
The U \_\_\_\_\_,  
The Abominable,  
M \_\_\_\_\_,  
Whoremongers,  
S \_\_\_\_\_,  
I \_\_\_\_\_,  
all \_\_\_\_\_,  
Dogs, [not literal dogs, but " \_\_\_\_\_ workers" Phil. 3:2]  
Whosoever \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ a lie."
11. Revelation 21:27, first part  
"Any thing that \_\_\_\_\_,  
Whatsoever worketh \_\_\_\_\_,  
Whoever maketh a \_\_\_\_\_."

### **III. To See His Face**

12. What very important question will be asked when Jesus comes? Revelation 6:17  
"For the great day of his wrath is come; and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?"
13. What answer is given in Scripture? Psalm 24:3 The Question is:  
"Who shall \_\_\_\_\_ into the hill of the Lord?"  
"Who shall \_\_\_\_\_ in his holy place?"  
The Answer is given in Verse 4:  
"He that hath \_\_\_\_\_ hands,  
And a \_\_\_\_\_ heart;  
Who hath not \_\_\_\_\_ up his soul unto \_\_\_\_\_,  
Nor sworn \_\_\_\_\_."

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14. How can we have a pure heart? Psalm 24:6 "This is the generation of them that \_\_\_\_\_ him, that seek thy \_\_\_\_\_, O Jacob." We must seek His Face.

15. What is in the face of Jesus that we need to seek? 2 Corinthians 4:6

"For God, who commanded the \_\_\_\_\_ to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ." It is the knowledge of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

16. What is the glory of God?

A. When Moses asked to see God's glory, what did God say He would show him?

Exodus 33:18-19 "And he said, I beseech thee, show me thy \_\_\_\_\_.

And he said, I will make all my \_\_\_\_\_ pass before thee, and I will proclaim the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy."

B. When God proclaimed the name of the Lord, what did He proclaim?

Exodus 34:5-7 "And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and abundant in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, Keeping \_\_\_\_\_ for thousands, \_\_\_\_\_ iniquity and transgression and sin, [of those who come to Him in repentance] and that will by no means \_\_\_\_\_ the guilty; [those who cling to their sins and refuse to give them to Him] visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation."

All these things are part of God's character. His character is a complete character. It has justice and mercy in perfect balance.

17. What does beholding the glory of God do for us? 2 Corinthians 3:18 "But we all, with open face \_\_\_\_\_ as in a glass the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, are

\_\_\_\_\_ into the same \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, even as by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord."

**Note: "Beholding Christ means studying His life as given in His Word.** We are to dig for truth as for hidden treasure. We are to fix our eyes upon Christ. When we take Him as our personal Saviour, this gives us boldness to approach the throne of grace. **By beholding we become changed, morally assimilated to the One who is perfect in character.** By receiving His imputed righteousness, through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, we become like Him. The image of Christ is cherished, and it captivates the whole being." AG 96.4

"The youth must not **merely** see a theory, however logical, but the **loving character and glory of Christ.** They must be led to **behold** the riches of the eternal world, until they are encouraged, animated, and won. The **love of Jesus** must be the motive of all effort. It impels, it constrains, it captivates." CSW 52.2

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"Through the Holy Spirit, **God's word is a light** as it becomes a **transforming power in the life** of the receiver. By **implanting in their hearts the principles of His word**, the Holy Spirit develops in men the attributes of God. The **light of His glory – His character** – is to shine forth in His followers. Thus they are to glorify God, to lighten the path to the Bridegroom's home, to the city of God, to the marriage supper of the Lamb." COL 414.2

18. When God created man in the beginning, what does it say about the image of God? Genesis 1:27 "So God created man in his \_\_\_\_\_ image, in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God \_\_\_\_\_ he him; male and female created he them."

**Note:** "Satan was exulting that he had succeeded in **debasing the image of God** in humanity. Then **Jesus came to restore in man the image of his Maker**. None but Christ can fashion anew the character that has been ruined by sin. He came to expel the demons that had controlled the will. He came to lift us up from the dust, to **reshape the marred character after the pattern of His divine character**, and to make it **beautiful with His own glory**." DA 37.3

19. How can we behold the glory of God?

A. Hebrews 12:2-3 "Looking unto \_\_\_\_\_ the author and finisher of our \_\_\_\_\_; who for the \_\_\_\_\_ that was set before him \_\_\_\_\_ the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the \_\_\_\_\_ hand of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. For \_\_\_\_\_ him that endured such contradiction of sinners \_\_\_\_\_ himself, lest ye be \_\_\_\_\_ and faint in your \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "We are to **copy no human being**. There is no human being wise enough to be our criterion. We are to look to the man Christ Jesus, who is complete in the perfection of righteousness and holiness. **He is the author and finisher of our faith**. He is the **pattern man**. His experience is the measure of the experience that we are to gain. **His character is our model**. Let us, then, take our minds off the perplexities and the difficulties of this life, and fix them on Him, that **by beholding we may be changed into His likeness**. We may behold Christ to good purpose. We may safely look to Him; for He is all-wise. As we look to Him and **think of Him**, He will be formed within, the hope of glory." Mar 241.7

B. John 5:39 "S\_\_\_\_\_ the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "**Those who take Christ at His word**, and **surrender** their souls to His keeping, their lives to His ordering, will find peace and quietude. Nothing of the world can make them sad when Jesus makes them glad by His presence. In perfect acquiescence there is perfect rest. The Lord says, 'Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee.' Isa. 26:3. Our lives may seem a tangle; but **as we commit ourselves to the wise Master Worker**, He will bring out the pattern of life and character that will be to His own glory. **And that character which expresses the glory – character – of Christ will be received into the Paradise of God**. A renovated race shall walk with Him in white, for they are worthy." DA 331.2

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## IV. The Sword

20. To what is the Word of God compared? Hebrews 4:12

It is compared to a \_\_\_\_\_

21. What does the sWORD cut out of us? It will cut \_\_\_\_\_ out of us.

A. Psalm 119:11 "Thy \_\_\_\_\_ have I hid in mine heart, that I might not \_\_\_\_\_ against thee."

B. Romans 6:6 "Knowing this, that our \_\_\_\_\_ man is \_\_\_\_\_ with him, that the body of \_\_\_\_\_ might be \_\_\_\_\_, that henceforth we should \_\_\_\_\_ serve \_\_\_\_\_."

22. When the *old man* is dead, how will we live? Romans 6:12-13

"Let not \_\_\_\_\_ therefore \_\_\_\_\_ in your mortal body, that ye should \_\_\_\_\_ it in the lusts thereof. Neither \_\_\_\_\_ ye your \_\_\_\_\_ as instruments of \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_: but \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves unto \_\_\_\_\_, as those that are alive from the dead, and your \_\_\_\_\_ as instruments of \_\_\_\_\_ unto God."

What is this verse talking about? Our members are the parts of our body like our hands, our tongue, our feet, etc.. If the *old man* has been crucified through the sWORD, then we will not allow our "members" to serve sin and U \_\_\_\_\_, but instead we will yield our "members" to God to do R \_\_\_\_\_.

23. What comes out of Jesus' mouth? Revelation 1:16

He has a \_\_\_\_\_ coming out of His mouth.

24. Why does it come out of His mouth? Ephesians 6:17

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit **IS** the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

When Jesus was tempted by the devil, how did He defeat him? Matthew 4:4

"But he \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, It is \_\_\_\_\_, Man shall \_\_\_\_\_ live by bread alone, but by every \_\_\_\_\_ that proceedeth out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God."

His W \_\_\_\_\_ come out of His M \_\_\_\_\_.

25. What will we say when we see Him **if we have not allowed SIN to be cut out** of our lives by that sword? Rev. 6:16 "And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of him that sitteth on the \_\_\_\_\_, and from the wrath of the \_\_\_\_\_." These people do not want to see the F \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus because they have not learned to seek His F \_\_\_\_\_ before by beholding His G \_\_\_\_\_, or character, and allowing it to change their characters. (read 2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:6)

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26. What will we say when we see Him if we have been changed into Jesus' image?

Isaiah 25:9 "And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is \_\_\_\_\_ God; we have \_\_\_\_\_ for him, and he will \_\_\_\_\_ us: this is the Lord; we have waited for \_\_\_\_\_, we will be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in his salvation."

These people are glad to see the F\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus because they have spent much time studying the G\_\_\_\_\_ of God in the F\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ. They have been changed into His image. Their character is in harmony with His.

27. Who will see God? Matthew 5:8 The \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ will see God.

**Note:** "It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil and to **impress His own character on His church.**" ML 46.2

"When the Spirit of God takes possession of the heart, it transforms the life. Sinful thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced; love, humility, and peace take the place of anger, envy, and strife. Joy takes the place of sadness, and the countenance reflects the joy of heaven. No one sees the hand that lifts the burden or beholds the light descend from the courts above. **The blessing comes when by faith the soul surrenders itself to God.** Then that power which no human eye can see, **creates a new being in the image of God.**" ML 46.3

28. How do we know if we are God's servants? Romans 6:16

"Know ye not, that to whom ye \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves servants to \_\_\_\_\_, his servants ye \_\_\_\_\_ to whom ye \_\_\_\_\_; whether of \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_, or of \_\_\_\_\_ unto righteousness?"

Ask yourself, "Who do I obey? Do I obey sin, self, and Satan? **or** Do I obey Jesus?"

Joshua 24:15 tells us we must \_\_\_\_\_ whom we will serve.

We must constantly C\_\_\_\_\_ whom we will serve, not just once.

The way we choose is by obeying the one we choose.

29. What are we encouraged to do? 1 Timothy 6:12 "Fight the \_\_\_\_\_ fight of

\_\_\_\_\_, lay \_\_\_\_\_ on eternal life, whereunto thou art also \_\_\_\_\_, and hast professed a \_\_\_\_\_ profession before many \_\_\_\_\_."

The \_\_\_\_\_ of faith is a fight over whom you will serve or obey.

Satan tries to get your choices to be on his side

and God tries to get your choices on His side,

but only YOU can decide who will win the fight in YOUR life.

You must decide who will get your daily choices.

What you **do** and **how** you respond to irritations and inconveniences each day

**tells** whose side you are **choosing**.

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