

ETERNITY

ISAIAH 57:15

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(Isaiah 57:15) "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

Introduction:

Eternity the place with no end, is a place that everyone is destined to. A place in which the conditions you enter into it will be the condition that you will remain in it. And there is only a step between life and eternity.

(1 Samuel 20:3) "And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death."

In comparison our life is only a vapor.

(James 4:14) "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

Notice with me:

1. THE FACTS ABOUT ETERNITY.

A. The fact of Heaven.

1. Literal place.

(Hebrews 11:10) "For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

2. Located place.

(Isaiah 14:13) "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:"

3. Lofty place

(Job 22:12) "Is not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are!"

4. Lovely place

(Revelation 21:19) "And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones.....

(Revelation 21:21-27) "And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. {22} And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. {23} And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. {24} And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. {25} And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. {26} And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. {27} And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

B. The fact of Hell

1. Literal place

(Luke 16:19-31) "There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: {20} And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full

of sores, {21} And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. {22} And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; {23} And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. {24} And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. {25} But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. {26} And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. {27} Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: {28} For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. {29} Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. {30} And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. {31} And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."

2. Lowly place

(Proverbs 9:18) "But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell."

(Proverbs 15:24) "The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath."

(Isaiah 14:9) "Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations."

(Isaiah 14:15) "Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

3. Lonesome place

(2 Peter 2:4) "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;"

4. Loud place

(Matthew 8:12) "But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

(Matthew 22:13) "Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

(Matthew 24:51) "And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

(Matthew 25:30) "And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

(Luke 13:28) "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out."

2. THE FOLK OF ETERNITY

A. The folk of Heaven

(John 1:12) "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"

(John 14:6) "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

B. The folk of Hell

(Revelation 20:12-15) "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. {13} And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. {14} And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. {15} And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

3. THE FARE TO ETERNITY

A. Paid for by the blood of Christ

(1 Peter 1:18-19) "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; {19} But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"

B. Provision made for every sinner

(Romans 10:13) "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

C. Promise of eternal salvation

(John 5:24) "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

Close:

And how will you enter into eternity. One will only enter one of two ways. Saved or lost. Prepared or unprepared. But the way that you enter into eternity will be the way that you will remain in eternity.