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Dear Friend of Light of the Word,

“ . . . And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes” Revelation 7:17

Can you imagine a world without tears?

In order to never shed tears, we would never have to experience suffering, heartache, disappointment, grief, pain, or tribulation. In fact, we would have to live in a sin-free world. But this is not possible—not in our human bodies and in this sin-filled world.

However, there is coming a time and a place where we, indeed, will live in a tear free world! If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, even now, God is preparing a place for you—a place that will be free of tears—a place where the Lord Himself will be our sunlight!

Revelation 7:15-17 says, “. . . they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Jesus is preparing a place for you in heaven. Life might be rough for you at this time—you may be experiencing heartache and tribulation. You may be shedding tears. But God is also preparing you right now for that wonderful time when you will be united with Him in glory. When you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, God made a promise to you. Though He gives you an abundant life (through Him) on this earth, that's not all there is. He has promised you eternal life. The Lord has promised to prepare a place for you—a mansion, in fact—where you will never hurt or shed a tear; but instead be filled with complete satisfaction, comfort, and joy.

Imagine living in a place with no pain, no hurt, no stress, no anxiety, no physical ailment, and no relational trouble—NO SIN!

As Christians, many of us have made a horrible mistake. We too often think that our life on earth is supposed to be heaven. We pour ourselves into our lives on earth. We invest all our time and efforts in trying to make our lives wonderful. Then when something awful happens—when trials and tribulation come—we are shocked and we get mad at God for bursting our bubble. But Jesus didn't promise heaven on earth. In fact, Jesus said, “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33) And Peter reminds us, “Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.” (1 Peter 4:12-13)

Listen, there is nothing wrong with having things or enjoying life, but we need to make sure that our priority is not trying to have a comfortable life, but rather following God, growing in Him, and remembering that our eternal home is where we will experience a life without trials!

Jesus said, “I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world” (John 17:14).

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This world is not our home. It's really a training ground—a place where the Lord is preparing us for our final destination: heaven.

So what is heaven like?

- You will not have any more pain
- You will not die
- Satan will not mess with you
- You won't wake up bummed out
- You won't battle depression or anxiety
- No one is going to harm you
- You will not experience heartache
- AND THERE WILL BE NO SIN

BECAUSE YOU ARE GOING TO BE WITH GOD!

There is a better place and life coming. And when you truly understand this, you will be a more joyful person now as you experience trials and tribulations. You will have more patience with your kids and your spouse when you understand that there is a greater day ahead. Life on this earth will be far better for you when you grasp and hold on to God's promise of a better day ahead—an eternal life that will contain the perfection and righteousness that you deeply desire.

I want to encourage you today. God knows all about the sorrow and the trials in your life. The Lord sees every tear that drops from your eyes. And know this—God will change your sorrow to joy. The bad situation you are in can be changed completely around by God. The Lord wants to give you peace and joy in the life you are living now! He wants you to be victorious and to overcome the trials you face. But always remember that while in this life, we will experience difficult times. Don't be surprised by that. Instead, go forth in the power of Christ and remember that there will be a day when all will be well—all will be perfect—and you will finally live in a world without tears.

In Christ,



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