

DAILY READING: HEAVEN IS MY HOME

I rejoice today that my name is written in Heaven. The moment I decided to become a follower of Jesus, I became a citizen of Heaven – the direction of my eternal destiny shifted. As a citizen of Heaven, I will promote the interest of my loving Heavenly Father here on earth because my loyalties are to Him alone. I will live worthy of my citizenship through the power of Christ in me.

It was God's desire that I not spend eternity in Hell separated from Him, in fact it is His desire for all mankind. Hell is the ongoing separation that happens when men and women refuse to choose to be in relationship with God. Hell is the eternal destiny of Satan and his demons. The only solution to this dilemma is for God to change the nature of my character and that is what He did by sending His Son to the cross taking my place and paying the penalty for my sin. The results are that I am made holy in Him and I am a citizen of Heaven.

The Bible teaches that Hell is a place of torment, hopelessness, eternal destruction, isolation, and separation from God. However, my home is Heaven—God's eternal dwelling place. In Heaven there is no more sorrow, no pain, no sickness, no suffering, no fear, no tears and no more decay. In Heaven I will no longer live in need of anything. In Heaven I will see all things clearly that I never fully understood here on earth. I rejoice today that my name is written in Heaven.

When Jesus left this earth, He went to prepare a place for me in Heaven where I will one day live with Him in the presence of God, our loving Heavenly Father. Until then I will live on this earth as a citizen of Heaven by putting God's priorities into practice in my daily life with a focus on the eternal rather than the temporal. After all, God is a God of love, forgiveness, and grace. His desire is that no one spend eternity in the lake of fire, Hell, separated from Him. I rejoice today that my name is written in Heaven.

MEMORY VERSE:

Luke 10:20

"But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven."

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DAILY STUDY: HEAVEN IS MY HOME

DAY 1: Heaven My Home - Luke 10:20 (Page 792); John 14:3 (Page 823)

DAY 2: Valued Citizenship - Philippians 3:12-4:1 (Page 901); Isaiah 26:19 (Page 536)

DAY 3: Benefits of Heaven - Revelation 7:15-17 (Page 953); Revelation 21:1-4 (Page 961); Psalm 16:11 (Page 420)

DAY 4: Focus on the Reality - Colossians 3:1-2 (Page 903); Philippians 4:8 (Page 901); Psalm 110:1 (Page 465)

DAY 5: Choice of Heaven or Hell - Matthew 7:13-14 (Page 738); Luke 16:19-31 (Page 799); Proverbs 15:24 (Page 491)

DAY 6: Hell's Hopelessness - Revelation 20:11-15 (Page 961); 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 (Page 908); Psalm 9:17 (Page 418)

DAY 7: Heavenly Changes -

1 Corinthians 13:12 (Page 878);
1 Corinthians 15:50-55 (Page 880);
Isaiah 65:17 (Page 568). Read the Daily Reading once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the Life Transformation Questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

ACTIVITY:
What do you think about when you think of Heaven? Take time to pray and thank God for writing your name in Heaven when you accepted Him into your life. Pray for God's priorities to become yours.

LIFE TRANSFORMATION QUESTIONS:

1. As you read the Daily Reading, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?