

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

THE LAST DAYS: UNCOVERING ESCHATOLOGY

November 14, 2021

DISCUSSION 1: WAITING (REVIEW OF 11/7)

Read 2 Cor. 4:16-19; 5:1-10; 1 Cor. 1:7; Gal. 5:5; Phil. 3:20; Jude 1:21; Heb. 9:28.

1. What are some of the ways we experiencing the groaning of our earthly, fallen bodies, minds, and emotions in this life?
2. Do you tend to recognize those “groanings” and weaknesses or deny, overcome, or resist them? What are some of the ways you respond to these experiences?
3. How is living by faith and not by sight in this life—with a hope that anticipates the future—different from a health-and-wealth gospel that thinks we should experience the fullness of blessing and health now?
4. How you can apply this text and sermon on waiting faithfully with a hope-filled groaning, an eternally-grounded courage, faith-empowered living, and sober expectations of giving an account before God?
5. Read 2 Cor. 5:9-10 again. How does waiting upon Christ’s return or our death where we will be with him change the way we live?

DISCUSSION 2: RENEWED PLACE

1. As you think about the New Creation when heaven comes down to Earth and we live with God forever in resurrected, glorified bodies, what are some things you long for or look forward to? How can these things be an encouragement or help us persevere in this life?
2. What does it mean to put our hope in eternity on a new earth rather than in the circumstances or blessings in this life?
3. Why do you think it’s important that the earth be renewed and our bodies be resurrected? Why is this an important part of the goodness of eternal life to come?
4. How is Rev 21-22 like Eden and how is it better than Eden?

DISCUSSION 3: RESTORED PEOPLE

1. Read the following verses on the theme of God dwelling with man: Ex. 25:8; Lev. 26:11-12; I Kings 6:13; Ezek. 37:27; Jn. 1:14; Rev. 21:3. What does it say about God’s heart towards us that a main theme of the Bible is God dwelling among His people? How do you think we experience the reality of this today? How will it be different on the New Earth?
2. Why is our resurrected, embodied state the ultimate goal and not a disembodied state?
3. How can the bodily resurrection be an encouragement during trials, sickness, aging, memory loss, weariness, illness or diseases, mental or emotional struggles, or pain?
4. What are 1-2 takeaways for you from this series on eschatology?

RESOURCES

- [“The New Heaven and New Earth”](#) by Matt Emerson at thegospelcoalition.org
- [“10 Things You Should Know about the New Earth”](#) by Iam Smith at crossway.org
- [“Revelation 21-22: A New Heaven & A New Earth”](#) at bibleproject.com