A Little Bit of Heaven

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INTRODUCTION

- I thought it might be good for us to think about heaven a little bit because we think about heaven a great deal, and we're longing for heaven.
- But sometimes we as Christians would go around like that. We act as though life is miserable in its very nature.
- We look toward heaven, but while we are here on this earth, there is a little bit of heaven here now that God has given unto us that we need to be thankful for.

1 Peace With God

Romans 8:31; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21

- We have peace with God. While we walk upon the face of this earth, we have peace with God.
- And yet we have peace with God through obedience unto the gospel of Christ.
- Not that we are perfect, but that we have forgiveness.
- A little bit of heaven right now, we can have in Christ Jesus with the forgiveness of our sins and the hope of eternity within us.

2 The Privilege of Prayer

James 5:16

- We can approach the throne of grace boldly, is what the Hebrew letter says in chapter 4 and verse 16.
- The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
- When you enter into your closet and you pray, God hears your prayer. Is that not a little bit of heaven? Right here on this earth.
- How wonderful it is that while we're here on this earth, we can talk unto our Father in heaven, and he'll hear our prayers.

3 Fellowship With Christ

Matthew 18:20; Matthew 28; Matthew 26:29

- We have fellowship with Christ. Fellowship with Christ right here on this earth.
- In the midst of the church, Jesus is going to sing praise unto the Father.
- The kingdom is now. The Lord's Supper is now. Jesus partakes of the Lord's Supper with us.
- When we assemble together, we're not alone. We're not just with one another. We're with the Lord.

4 The Bible

Ephesians 6:4; 1 Peter 4:3; John 12:48

- There is a manual that comes with every baby that's ever born. It's just the Bible.

- It is our manual, it is our guide, it is our instruction in living righteously.
- I just have to listen to the word of God and decide that's the way to heaven, and I'm going to follow that in life.
- We have a little bit of heaven right in our hands in this book right here. How can you help but read it?

5 Opportunity to Serve

Revelation 22:3

- But his servants serve him, is what that text says. His servants serve him. That's in heaven.
- But now, while we're here on this earth, we have the opportunity and the ability to serve the Lord.
- As you serve the Lord from day to day, you're doing the very thing that you're going to be doing when you get into heaven if you get there.

6 We Have Hope and We Have Others

1 Thessalonians 4:16–18; Romans 1:4; Hebrews 6:19

- In heaven we'll have the actuality. But now what we have is the hope of that which is to come in time to be.
- It is the hope that we have of eternity when this life is over. That's a little bit of heaven that we have.
- What we look for in heaven is to be with the redeemed. What we have now is to be with the brethren.
- We have other Christians about us. You know what that is? That's a little bit of heaven.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **You need to see what the Lord has done for you. You need to see the little bit of heaven that we have while here on this earth, and you need to start grinning, and you need to start rejoicing.**

MY NOTES