

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

# Home sweet H.O.M.E

After a long day at work, I look forward to going home. Getting a shower and sitting down to just relax. You see in my home I can experience the peace God has to offer. I can fellowship with Him about my day, challenges or concerns. I can only do this at home. My Home sweet home. It is the same when we leave this life and again I will be going home. I will now share with you what the acronym H.O.M.E. means to me.

## Heaven

**REVELATION 21:1-7 NLT** – (1) Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. (2) And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. (3) I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. (4) He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." (5) And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." (6) And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. (7) All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

## One way

While there are many religions, there is **only one way to heaven**. Jesus clearly states that "no one comes to the Father but through Me" (**John 14:6**). He used several striking descriptions to emphasize this point—He called Himself the way (**14:6**), the door (**10:9**), the living bread (**6:51**), and the good shepherd (**10:11**). God does not expect people to follow a ritual to make Jesus Lord of their lives—you can use any words you'd like. However, some biblical elements are essential when beginning a relationship with Him:

- 1) Confess your sin and admit your need for a Savior (**1 John 1:9**).
- 2) Place your trust in Jesus Christ as the only possible Savior, acknowledging that He died for your sins, was buried, and rose again (**John 3:16; 1 Cor. 15:3-4**).
- 3) Believe that your sins are forgiven and your name is written in the Lamb's book of life (**1 John 5:11-13**).

Every person has a choice to make. Death is inevitable, but we can decide whether, on exiting this world, we will enter God's presence or eternal torment. Let me make this very clear: What a person believes about heaven and hell won't influence God in the slightest. People will be judged not by their attitudes but by the truth of His Word.

The Bible declares that faith in Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven. His gospel is a straight path from the pit of sin to the glory of heaven—with the promise of an abundant life in between. What we must do is go through the Door and follow the Way to taste the Living Bread.

## Many mansions

**JOHN 14:2 NLT** – (2) In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. A mansion is defined as a very big house. A mansion consists alone of many rooms. Jesus says that **in His Fathers house** will consists of many mansions). Think about a mansion you saw in real life or maybe on the television. God has a huge House full of mansions that will be reserved for His children. No more renting, leasing or borrowing! This will be your new and final home! No more electric and sewage bills. This mansion comes fully furnish!

## Eternal life

The bible speaks of eternal life 34 times in the New Testament. **Eternal** means forever or endless. No breaking of contract! Once we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, it cannot be broken. **Life** means life as God has it. Just as He or the Father. **John 3:16; 6:47**.

When I arrive, I look forward to Jesus saying, "Welcome **HOME**."

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
REVELATION 7:16-17

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**  
Christians never see the last of each other.

