

## A Traveler's Guide to Heaven

### Int.

1. Aim: To show the information we need to know in traveling to heaven.
2. Psalms 39:12 NKJV "Hear my prayer, O LORD, And give ear to my cry; Do not be silent at my tears; For I am a stranger with You, A sojourner, as all my fathers were."
  - a. A sojourner - a temporary resident, foreigner, inhabitant - to dwell in a place as a stranger
  - b. We are temporary residents on this earth
3. We are pilgrims
  - a. 1 Pet. 1:1 "to the pilgrims"
    - i. All people of God who are sojourning on the earth among unbelievers
    - ii. People who have left their native land and are living temporarily on foreign soil and among strangers.
  - b. 1 Pet. 2:11 "strangers and pilgrims" KJV
    - i. Pilgrim - one who remains in a place but a short while as a traveler on a journey
    - ii. Christians, though living on earth, have their real and permanent home in heaven
    - iii. He dwells here temporarily, his citizenship being in heaven.
  - c. Heb. 11:13-16 "But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly"
  - d. Phil. 3:20 Gen. 23:4 Col. 3:2
4. We are travelers on the road to heaven
  - a. Route 66 - the heaven route - the Books of the bible
  - b. Traveler's need a guide to travel to a new place - our journey to eternity
5. Christians have a guide to heaven

## **Discussion**

### **I. ACCOMMODATIONS**

- A. Travelers must have a place to sleep and rest - motels and hotels
- B. Travelers to heaven
  - 1. John 14:1-2 "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 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."
  - 2. Mansion - a dwelling place, abode, resting place for travelers - a halting place for the night
  - 3. We have first class ACCOMMODATIONS waiting for us
  - 4. They were made in advance - reserved and waiting for our arrival

### **II. PASSPORTS**

- A. Travelers to foreign countries must have a passport
  - 1. Document issued by an authorized official to identify the traveler
  - 2. Gives him permission to travel in a foreign country
  - 3. Visa gives permission to enter the country
- B. Travelers to heaven need a passport to travel and visa to enter
  - 1. Person's seeking entry to heaven will not be permitted past the gates without having proper credentials
  - 2. Their name must be registered with the authorities
  - 3. Rev. 21:27 NKJV "But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

### **III. DEPARTURE TIMES**

- A. Travelers must know when to be ready so they will not be left
- B. Exact date and time of departure to heaven has not been announced
  - 1. Travelers are advised to be ready to leave at short notice - Matt. 24:44
  - 2. Matt. 24:36 "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only."
  - 3. James 4:14 - Life is short "like a vapor"
  - 4. Titus 2:13 "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;"
  - 5. The exact time of departure is unknown and unknowable.

### **IV. TICKETS**

- A. Must purchase a ticket to travel
  - 1. A written pledge that guarantees your journey
  - 2. It tells that you have paid the fare to go to a certain destination
- B. Ticket to heaven is the Gospel
  - 1. Gospel tells us how to be saved = forgiveness of sins
  - 2. Christ paid for our sins = died in our place
  - 3. Mark 16:16 B + R + C + B = SALVATION
  - 4. Must not lose our ticket - not once saved always saved !
  - 5. 1 Cor. 10:12 "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."

## **V. IMMIGRATION**

- A. People traveling to a new country to live are immigrants
  - 1. All people traveling are not planning to stay there
  - 2. Only certain amount allowed to immigrate to other countries
- B. All travelers to heaven are called immigrants
  - 1. We desire to take up residence in a new country
  - 2. The quota is unlimited = no one has to be lost - John 3:16
  - 3. Heb. 11:16 "But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them."
  - 4. Rev. 22:17 "And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."

## **VI. VACCINATION AND INOCULATION**

- A. Travelers to foreign countries need certain shots
  - 1. New diseases are easily taken by strangers
  - 2. Must be vaccinated for our protection
- B. Travelers to heaven need no vaccinations
  - 1. Diseases are unknown in heaven
  - 2. Rev. 21:4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."
  - 3. No polio, small pox, malaria

## **VII.** **LUGGAGE**

### A. Travelers need luggage

1. Supplies and clothing must be carried
2. Usually try to travel as light as possible
3. Sometimes luggage is lost or damaged

### B. No luggage is permitted to the traveler to heaven

1. 1 Tim. 6:7 "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."
2. "For when he dies he shall carry nothing away;" Ps. 49:17a
3. "As he came from his mother's womb, naked shall he return, To go as he came; And he shall take nothing from his labor Which he may carry away in his hand."  
Ecl. 5:15

## **VIII.** **CURRENCY**

### A. Travelers need money

1. Buy according to the amount of money he has brought with him
2. Can't travel and have fun without money
3. Must exchange your money for the local currency

### B. Travelers to heaven

1. Forward their money ahead to await their arrival
2. Deposits should be as large as possible
3. Matt. 6:20 "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal."

4. "And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

Matt.10:42

## **IX. CLOTHING**

### A. Travelers need extra clothing

1. Climate may require different clothing
2. Many times we buy new clothing when we travel

### B. Travelers to heaven

1. New wardrobe is provided for each traveler
2. No luggage is allowed
3. Rev. 3:4,5 "You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. 5 "He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels."
4. White = purity

## **X. TIME CHANGES**

### A. Travelers have to keep changing their watches

1. Different time zones
2. Jet lag is a problem

### B. Travelers to heaven

1. Not a need to change watches - No need for a watch
2. Rev. 21:25 "Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there)." Rev. 22:5
3. Rev. 21:23 "The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light."

## **CONCLUSION**

1. The highlight of the journey - Arrival - Welcoming reception
2. Highlight of the Christian journey - Arrival in heaven - Jesus
  - a. Matt. 25:21 "Well done, good and faithful servant"
  - b. "Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." II Tim. 4:8
3. Will you travel to heaven ?
4. We must travel someplace for this life is temporary.
5. Heb. 11:10 Abraham - "For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."
6. We are on a journey to eternity - The Bible must be our guide.
7. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Ps. 119:105

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