

What God Says About the New Creation

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Key Truth: The New Creation is the place of Physical and Spiritual perfection where, after sin, death, and Satan have been defeated forever, the Redeemed will live with God in perfect, joyful union forever and ever.

We know all too well the reality that things wear out in life—our clothing and possessions, even our bodies. The Bible says that even the heavens and earth wear out (see Isaiah 51:6). We also know our salvation will never wear out, but God’s plan is also to restore even the physical world. There’s coming a time when even the heavens and the earth will experience a great renewal in the form of New Heavens and a New Earth.

DISCUSS

Read **Revelation 21:1-8** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on “**What God Says About the New Creation.**”

DIG IN

1. A Renewed Creation (verse 1)

Why is it important that God restores the “old creation” rather than simply creates *another* heaven and earth?

2. A United Creation (vv. 2-3)

Read Ephesians 1:9-10: In what ways does Revelation 21 describe God’s fulfillment of this plan?

3. A Liberated Creation. (verses 4-6)

...from sorrow, decay, and scarcity.

Describe the things that will NOT exist in the new heaven and new earth. In what ways is this an encouragement to you?

Read Revelation 21:6: In what ways is God’s statement, “It is done!” true now?

Have you spent much time thinking about life in the new heavens and new earth? Why or why not? Is there a strong longing for the new creation in your heart? Why or why not?

DO

What should we do now?

1. Cultivate a thirsty heart: (verse 6)

Read Matthew 5:6: In what ways is it a blessing to hunger and thirst for righteousness?

2. Conquer and unseen enemy: (verse 7)

Describe the enemy we’re called upon to conquer in this life. Why is this so difficult?

3. Consider the alternative: (verse 8)

In what ways do you plan to evangelize those described in verse 8?