

## The Balcony - the View Sunday 01-26-2020 Handout

**Hebrews 12:1** (NKJV) Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

### **I** A Desire to be where Jesus Is

- **Psalm 27:4** (NKJV) "One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.

### **II** Our focus - Our Eternal Future

- **Philippians 3:13-14** (NKJV) Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, {14} I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- **1 Corinthians 2:9** (NKJV) But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

### **III** Heaven is a wonderful place

- **Psalms 84:1-4** (NKJV) How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! {2} My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. {3} Even the sparrow has found a home, And the swallow a nest for herself, Where she may lay her young; Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts, My King and my God. {4} Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. Selah

### **IV** Heaven is a real place

- **John 14:2** (NKJV) "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. {3} "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.
- A Throne, A Sea, Lightning, Creatures, Angels, Elders & Saints, A Glorious King Jesus
- **Revelation 4:2-3** (NKJV) Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. {3} And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.
- **Revelation 4:6** (NKJV) Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.
- **Revelation 5:11** (NKJV) Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,

### **V** Heaven is a place of rest

- **Revelation 14:13** (NKJV) Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

### **VI** The Lord is watching from Heaven

- **Psalms 33:13-21** (NKJV) The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men. {14} From the place of His habitation He looks On all the inhabitants of the earth; {15} He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works. ... {18} Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy, {19} To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine. {20} Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. {21} For our heart shall rejoice in Him, Because we have trusted in His holy name.

### **VII** Other Saints are there cheering for you... "Don't give up"

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