

Glimpses of Glory

Class #3

... no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him ...
1 Corinthians 2.9

*I look upon this world as a wrecked & sinking vessel. God has give me a lifeboat and has said to me,
"Moody, save all you can before it is all destroyed."*

Dwight L Moody

In his redemptive activity, God does not destroy the works of his hands, but cleanses them from sin & perfects them, so that they may finally reach the goal for which he created them ... This means that the new earth to which we look forward will not be totally different from the present one, but will be a renewal & glorification of the Earth on which we now live.

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I. Answering a Question

Will the old (or current) earth be destroyed ... or renewed?

*Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will **perish**, but you will remain; they will all **wear out** like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will **pass away**...*

Psalms 102. 25-26

*Heaven and earth will **pass away**, but my words will not pass away.*

Luke 21.33

*... the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will **pass away** with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be **burned up and dissolved**, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.*

2 Peter 3.10

*Then I saw a new heaven & a new earth, for the first heaven & the first earth had **passed away**, and the sea was no more.*

Rev. 21.1

*A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth **remains forever**.*

Ecclesiastes 1.4

*He built his sanctuary like the high heavens, like the earth, which he has founded **forever**.*

Psalms 78. 69

*For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be **set free** from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

Romans 8. 19-23

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

Acts 3. 19-21

II. Looking at a Passage

... you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, ³ knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴ They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." ⁵ For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, ⁶ and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. ⁷ But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. ¹⁵ And count the patience of our Lord as salvation...

2 Peter 3. 2-15

*²⁶ Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷ They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸ Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, ²⁹ but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all—
³⁰ so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.*

Luke 17. 26-30

Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

2 Corinthians 3. 12-15