

Life Notes
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On the other side!

Psalm 39:4-5 (NL)

"LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—fleeting my life is. You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand. My entire lifetime is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath."

Randy Alcorn's book "Heaven"

Jesus said this about Satan.....

John 8:44 (NIV)

"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

Satan wants us to be naïve about 3 things....

God's Person

God's People

God's PlaceHeaven

Satan need not convince us that Heaven doesn't exist. He needs only to convince us that Heaven is a boring, unearthly place. If we believe that lie, we'll be robbed of our joy and anticipation, we'll set our minds on this life and not the next, and we'll not be motivated to share our faith.

2 Corinthians 4:13-18 (NIV)

"It is written: 'I believed; therefore I have spoken.' With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

Five reasons why I think heaven is going to be a blast!

1. We get to be with Jesus!

Luke 23:43(NL)

"And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

2. We get a new body!

1 Corinthians 15:50-54 (NIV)

"I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

3. There will be "No-mores" there!

Revelation 21:4 (NKJ)

"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."

4. Family Reunion Time!

John 20:24-29 (NIV)

"Now Thomas , one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Matthew 17:1-4 (NIV)

"After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

5. Awards Night! Oh, I mean Day!

Matthew 16:27 (NIV)

"For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done."

The Bible talks about rewards...