

Our Future Realm?

Commentary for April 1, 2023 – Mystery Blessings After Your Resurrection To Glory

The March 2023 article "[Your Resurrection](#)" and this month's April 2023 article "[The Use and Abuse of the Holy Scriptures](#)," both have information about the Mystery. In this Commentary I want to focus on a tremendous reward we can receive (1) if God chooses for us to receive it, and (2) if we want to receive it.

The apostle Paul gives us interesting information about your future **IF** we believe and accept the information presented by him in the epistle to the Philippians. While there are many blessings for everyone resurrected to glory, there are different kinds of blessings that are given according to the discretion and will of God the Father:

The verse below is translated from the Concordant Literal Version (hereafter CLV) and it is different from the King James Version (read it for yourself) and other modern versions:

"For our realm is inherent in the heavens [plural in Greek¹], out of which we are awaiting a Savior also, the Lord, Jesus Christ,

- **Who will transfigure the body of our humiliation,**
- [why?] **to conform it to the body of His glory,**
- [for what purpose?] **in accord with the operation which enables Him even to subject ALL to Himself."**

• *Philippians 3:20–21, CLV*

Quite simply, we will receive a reward that is not just waiting for us at **"the heavens,"** but involves our extensive activities **"IN the heavens."** We will perform useful roles and missions, if we choose to accept it, to help all created intelligent beings that reside **"in the heavens"** (and not on the earth) to assist them to subject themselves to the Lord Jesus Christ.

How will that subjection be accomplished? By interacting with them, teaching the many kinds and forms of intelligent spirit creatures who exist **"in the heavens."** No one alive knows what God's criteria are for "intelligence." We will probably learn such information when we are glorified to have bodies and minds like Christ has now (1 John 3:2). What will we teach the creatures **"in the heavens"**? We shall teach each individual creature that God and Christ love them also and ...

"... through Him to reconcile all to Him (making peace through the blood of His cross), through Him, whether those on the earth OR THOSE IN THE HEAVENS."

• *Colossians 1:20*

Before the Mystery was given, Paul encouraged the members of the Corinthian *ekklesia* to learn and then teach others to be reconciled to God ...

¹ This plural Greek word "heavens" could be singular "heaven." In Hebrew the word "heavens" is always plural. There is no singular term "heaven."

"... how that God was in Christ, conciliating the world to Himself, not reckoning their offenses to them, and placing in us the word of the conciliation. For Christ, then, are we ambassadors, as of God entreating through us. We are beseeching for Christ's sake, 'Be conciliated to God!'"

• 2 Corinthians 5:19–20

A similar principle and process of reconciliation perhaps applies to every spirit being, no matter how strange, alien, or repulsive or beautiful they may be. Christ will be their Savior also! We must never attempt to teach these beings at this time. After all, at present they hate you, they want you dead, and they want your children. Do not relate to these creatures in any way, even if and especially if they try to communicate with you in any manner, in any guise. Remember what else Paul wrote to the Corinthians:

"And no marvel, for Satan himself is being transfigured into a messenger of light. It is no great thing, then, if his servants also are being transfigured as dispensers of righteousness — whose consummation shall be according to their acts."

• 2 Corinthians 11:14–15, CLV

Every intelligent creature will be reconciled to God our Father (their creator) by Christ our elder brother. Only after our glorification to immortality will we be able to help bring them that message, as the psalmist predicted we shall face God Himself: **"As for me, I will behold your [YHWH's] face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Your likeness"** (Psalm 17:15, King James Version).

Perhaps many of these creatures will have died and will be brought back to life, as I explain in my article "[Spirits Can Die](#)" (based on Dr. Martin's information) in [Essentials of New Testament Doctrine](#) and elsewhere on the ASK website.

Do You Like To Travel?

Well, you will be traveling a great deal throughout the heavens if you receive the reward God grants with an understanding of the Mystery. Remember, only those who heard and learned about the Mystery after 63 AD will receive that reward. Why? Because NO ONE knew about the Mystery before Paul was told about the "secret," or "Mystery," at that time.

No humans ever heard of it, no angel even knew it was decided by God our Father and His Son Jesus Christ before it was revealed to Paul. YOU (and all those God gives to learn and accept the knowledge of His Mystery teachings²) will have a body **"... to conform to the body of His (Christ's) glory"** (Philippians 3:21).

Paul's words fit precisely with the apostle John's words in 1 John 3:2: that we shall be like He is because we shall see Him as He is. Paul wrote to the Philippians to encourage them about their future. The words will be your reality, if you choose it and God agrees to make it so.

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² My short July 2021 Commentary: "[The Mystery, A Definition](#)" will help you understand what the Mystery is about. See Dr. Martin's 1992 article, "[The History of the Revelation of the Mystery](#)" as well as "[The Mystery and the New Covenant](#)."