

## “Lightning & Thunder”

### (Grace & Giving)

A special series on Stewardship – Part 7

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#### Text: Topical

The single greatest contributor to our inability to see money and possessions in their true light is our persistent failure to see our present lives through the lens of eternity. Our life here is but *“a mist that appears for a while and then vanishes”* (James 4:14). Psalm 39 says *“the span of (our) years is as nothing before (God)”* It’s a “dot” set against the line of eternity. AND YET....

I presented a description for us all on the eternity that awaits anyone without Christ last time. Today we look at the believer in Christ.

#### PHASE ONE – DEATH

Simply put....there are NONE that escape death. **Hebrews 9:27** provides the transitional bridge between phases one and two: *“Man is destined to die once (phase ONE), and after that to face judgment (phase TWO).”*

#### PHASE TWO – JUDGMENT

Judgment is for ALL men, not just some of us. **Acts 17:31** – *“... he (God) has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”*

- FOR BELIEVERS....HEAVEN.

1. FOR CHRIST-FOLLOWERS....\_\_\_\_\_ IS OUR HOME. **2 Corinthians 5:6-8** – *“...we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the*

*Lord....we would rather be away from these bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.”* (NLT)

2. FOR CHRIST-FOLLOWERS....HEAVEN WILL HAVE AN ENDLESS \_\_\_\_\_ OF FRESH \_\_\_\_\_ AND DELICIOUS \_\_\_\_\_. **Matthew 8:11**

3. FOR CHRIST-FOLLOWERS...HEAVEN WILL HAVE \_\_\_\_\_ TEMPLE, \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH BUILDINGS. Check out **Revelation 5**.

4. FOR CHRIST-FOLLOWERS...HEAVEN WILL OFFER MUCH NEEDED \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE \_\_\_\_\_. **Revelation 14:13**

5. FOR CHRIST-FOLLOWERS...HEAVEN WILL OFFER REFRESHING \_\_\_\_\_, PRODUCTIVE AND UNHINDERED BY THE SHACKLES OF \_\_\_\_\_. **Revelation 22:3** – *“His servants will serve Him...”*

6. FOR CHRIST-FOLLOWERS...HEAVEN WILL MEAN BEING MADE \_\_\_\_\_. When God brings heaven down to the new earth, He *“will wipe every tear from their eyes”*. *“No more death or mourning or crying or pain.”* **Revelation 21:4**

7. FOR CHRIST-FOLLOWERS...HEAVEN WILL BE A \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ !

Bottom Line: HEAVEN WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_!!