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SUBJECT: What I Believe
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Luke 2:13 "And suddenly there was with
the angel a multitude of the heavenly
host, praising God..."

Matt. 26:53 "Put up thy sword... I think
thou not that I cannot pray to my
Father as he shall presently give me
more than twelve legions of angels?"
(22,000)

2. They are persons

(1) They are created by God; ^{they had a beginning} ~~are not eternal~~

Ps. 148: "Ye angels, ... praise the name of the
Lord, for he commanded as they were
created."

(2) They have personality, the basic capacity
to have fellowship with God (in contrast -
distinction to the animal and ^{the inanimate} world).

i. They have intelligence.

They seek to leave.

They do not know the time of the Second
Coming of Christ (Matt 24:36), but
desire to be instrumental in the whole
flow of salvation as ^{OUR} ultimate victory IN CHRIST.
(I Peter 1:10-12)

ii They have emotional
They rejoiced or were filled with ^{GLADNESS} joy at their
creation of the world (Job 38:7)
They bow in reverence before God
(Isa. 6:3; Heb. 1:6)

They praised God in exaltation at the
birth of Christ. (Heb. 3:13)
It is in their presence that joy remains
in heaven we see since that magnificent.
(Heb. 12:10)

iii They have moral sanctification, the power
of choice, discernment.

One third of their number chose to follow
Satan (Rev. 12:4) and became forever
confirmed in evil (II Peter 2:8; Jude 6)

The two thirds of their number who chose
to follow Christ are forever confirmed in
their salvation.

As we shall be
in heaven; none more to be tempted
to fall, to sin. We shall be
as the angels in heaven (Matt. 22:30)
As with the angels in heaven, we

shall be confirmed in the service of God.
When God is, angels are, and vice versa.
When angels are ^{and not are,} God is.
If no angels, ^{and if we are not,} then there is
no God.

The Book of the Revelation describes
heaven and God as no other God is in
Bible, and these angels appear more frequently
than in all the other Books of the Bible
put ^{COMBINED} together and are also ^{in occultation} mentioned.

iv. They have names or separate,
distinct assignments, just as we.

⑥ 'Michael' = 'Who is like God?'
Called an 'archangel' (Gen. 1:1)
Called 'a chief prince' (Dan. 10:13; 12:1) ^{'chief prince'}
God's champion in battle; always
(Dan. 10:13; 12:1; Rev. 12:7-9)

⑦ 'Gabriel' = 'The mighty One' God
Always God's messenger
to Daniel (Dan. 8:15-27)
to Zachariah (Lk. 1:13-17, 19)
to Mary (Lk. 1:26, 31-35)

③ They are not all alike. They belong to separate orders.

cherubim (seraphim, cherub) (Gen 3:24
the first reference
to angels)

Ex. 25:17-22 above many sent
upon the walls of Jerusalem
upon the walls of Solomon's
Temple.

seraphim (seraphim, seraph) = the burning ones
Isa. 6:3
a compound derivative to Ser

③ Archangel = among the chief princes / leaders

④ Guardian angels Mark 13:10 little children
Matt 2:13 taking care of the holy family
the holy family.

Matt 4:6, 11 the temptations of Christ

Zech 3:1-7 in Jerusalem

V. They have been given many varied
and distinct assignments

Acts 5:19 they open the prison doors to the apostles

8:26 one directs Philip to Gaza

10:23 one speaks to Cornelius & Caesarea

12:7 one delivers Peter from prison

22:23 one stands by Paul in the storm
of the Mediterranean

In the first sentence of Rev. 1:1 an angel is
the messenger who conveys to John the words
of the Apocalypse.

An angel constantly accompanies John as he
goes through the scenes of the Apocalypse.

Angels execute the fearful judgments of God.
Angels reveal to John the glories of the
holy city, New Jerusalem Rev. 21:9, 22:8, 16

Fixed ones

I will sing you a song of that
beautiful land,
So far away from the soul;
Where no sterner word is heard
Of the glittering sword.
Which the spars of eternity roll.

Oh, how sweet it would be
in that beautiful land
So free from all sorrow and pain
With song in our lips and with
Gays in our hands
To greet us another again.

Fixed ones

I will sing you a song of that
beautiful land,
So far away from the soul;
Where no sterner war beat on the
gleaming strand.
Which the space of eternity roll.

Oh, how sweet it would be
in that beautiful land
So free from all sorrow and pain
With song on our lips and with
harps in our hands
To greet us another again.

7.01 Heaven, with only the angels down here

II The Saints of C.O.

(a) One old man's testimony. When a month, his image of Heaven: a grand, shining city with vast walls, domes, spires, streets, gold, gems, pearls, and hosts, white-robed angels. Then his little wife died. Idea of Heaven... and all the family died - he alone. Heaven now...

(b) The beggar "I will say you + my..."

(c) my little furnished. Tenant house. Big bed. Little carpet at the bed, a flat-bottomed trunk. My little wife - she next to me. He is old and she began to cry pitifully. He, his arm around her, says, "Our baby is next you. He will take care of this, better than we. Keep his body for us. We shall go to his own dog, see again."

1. We go to Paradise when we die.

Th. 16:27 the beggar is Cleopas's Son

23:43 the important thing with Jesus is that

Our names checked as we arrive Th 10:20

"your names are written in Heaven"

Immediately with Jesus: Phil. 1:23 "to depart"

"to be with Christ." II Co. 5:8 "to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord."

Waiting for the resurrection of the body at the Second Coming of Christ.

of Rev. 6:9 John sees the souls of the martyrs
saints "under the altar." They are not in the
fulness of heaven. They are waiting in
Paradise; like those in the cleft of the rock,
who were under the hand of God.
The fulness of heaven will be ours when
Jesus comes again; and our bodies are resurrected.

2. We shall know each other
A dreary place should we live unknown
and unknowing.
"Intuitive knowledge will introduce ^{us}
to everybody, as Matt 9:11 says, "may shall
come from the east to the west and shall sit
down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the
Kingdom of God."

How know Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?
How did John, James and John know
Mary as Elisha in the world? Transfiguration?

So we shall sit down to visit with
him - Eden

Noah - the Flood
Moses - the Red Sea
Elijah - the chariot of fire
Sargam - the Red Sea
Paul - the Damascus Road

With our loved ones it will be
a joyous re-union.

The infinitely sad kiss of good bye
at the death bed or in the casket
will be more than forgotten in the
kiss of reunion and welcome at the
gate of Heaven.

3. Our treasures to bring are then
brought to us by inheritance
or
by reward.

(1) By inheritance
carried itself by inheritance. One's self of
conquest, good works, just deserts, victorious merit,
brought by the grace of gift / God.
We were made for us, given it to us.
We were made of God, the work of the conquest
the offspring of merit
as we become the children / God through grace.
We are heirs by adoption.
I'm true home is there, our estate is there
through the love of Jesus our God. We are
fellow-heirs, joint-heirs, with Him.
Rom. 8:17

(2) By reward
We can lay up treasures in heaven. Mat. 6:19-21
Our reward for faithful service on earth
to us there. Matt. 25: 34-40
I Cor. 3:12-14

In heaven are not only the angels - the redeemed children of God
and also

III Jesus

Heaven is where our Saviour is. Where
he is, there we shall be also, welcomed
& received by him.

With our loved ones so precious we
shall proceed along the streets of gold
through the long line of loving angels
to the throne of Jesus. It is the next
stage to see.

(4) poem "Our True Home is Glory"

Our Lord Jesus in glory
O Christ! He is the fountain -
The deep, sweet well of love.
The streams of earth we tasted,
Now deeply will drink above.
There, to an ocean of fulness
His mercy doth extend,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Immanuel's land.

The bride eyes not the garment
But the dear, bridegroom's face.
I will not gaze at glory
But on my King ^{who} of grace.
Not at the crown he wears,
But on his pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory
In Immanuel's land.

All eyes are fixed upon him.
Every soul is one of love.
Gratitude glows in every bosom.
Praise swells in every song.
Golden harps resound his ^{worth and} merit.
The saints cast down their golden
crowns at his dear feet saying,
"What unto us but unto Thee do the
glories flow & ever."

As the first chapter of the Revelation
describes, "He who has washed us
from our sins in his own blood,
and will make us kings & priests
unto God & his Father
& we, Amen!" (Rev. 1:5, 6)

And as the worship of Jesus in
Heaven continues: "And every creature
which is in Heaven and on earth &
under the earth & such as are in the
sea, and all that are therein, heard

I saying, blessing at home as
power in glory be unto him that
sitteth upon the throne, and unto the
saints forever and ever. And the
four cherubim said, Amen. And
the four and twenty elders fell
down and worshipped him that
sitteth forever and ever. (Rev. 4:10, 11)

It will be a blessing for me beyond
description to be in that wonderful
number.

(4) A little boy, next to teacher 23:
"The Lord is my shepherd; He is all I need."

So Paul in Phil. 1:23 "having a desire
to depart and to be with Christ..."
So the author of Hebrews 10:22 "let us draw
near with a true heart in full
assurance of faith..."

So the apostle John I John 3:2
"Beloved, now we see the ^{CHILDREN} Son of God... and
we know that when he shall appear we
shall be like him, but we shall see him
as he is."

^{Let us do}
IV Making a good ready for
eternity yet to come.

1. In our present lost, carnal,
unregenerated nature, we are unfit
for heaven. We have been ruined
by the fall. By natural birth
we are not prepared for heaven.

2. What is banquet to one with
no appetite?

2. What is a musical festival to one
with no hearing?

2. What is the beauty and glory of the
firmament to one who is blind?

2. What is the presence of God to one
whose pleasures are in fleshly lusts?

3. Heaven can be an abnormal
vacuum to the unregenerated.

What would the confirmed
drunkard do in heaven?

What would the glutton do in heaven?

What would the whoremonger do
in heaven?

What would the sensualist do in heaven?

What would those who despise and
disdain holy worship services do in
heaven? They cry in this world:
"Will they never end? ^{WHEN} when will
they be over?" What of the services
frown on there?

3. The unregenerate desperately need
a change of heart, of life, of love and
interest. They need a new
nature in Christ. They need to ^{experience} ~~know~~
the things of God.

4. Laziness in grace clothes. "I'm his
as let him go." We need to be
clothed with ^{our} new gray robes in
Christ.