

Value of a Soul # 11 The Surpassing Beauty of Heaven

We should value our souls so that we can enjoy the beauty of heaven, the home of the soul.

The earth is filled with sights and scenes of wonder and beauty. Some of these sights have been created by the genius and art of man. My own favorites would certainly include the Crown Jewels in the Tower of London, the palace of Versailles near Paris, and the statue of David by Michelangelo in Florence. The level of skill required to execute these masterpieces fills me with admiration and amazement.

I have my favorites in the natural world also. It really is awe-inspiring to gaze into the starry heavens on a cold, clear night, away from the city lights, in the Orongorongas of New Zealand, or to behold the surging Pacific tide pounding onto the rocks of the Devil's Cauldron near Tillamook, Oregon. Also, on the West Coast, the towering coastal Redwoods draw the eyes heavenward in praise to the creator of it all.

Impressive though these earthly sights may be, they fade into insignificance when compared to the transcendent beauty of heaven. The most beautiful things of earth are but pale shadows of heavenly reality. They give us a slight hint of the superior glory of heaven.

In Revelation 21:10, 11, 18-21, the Bible uses some of the most beautiful and costly treasures of this world to convey to our finite minds some conception of the breathtaking beauty of heaven. The reality is that heaven is a place of glorious, divine splendor which transcends anything that this life or this earth can offer.

Such is a fitting abode for God and His people. Don't you want to be there? Don't you want to take as many as possible with you?