

Wednesday

LESSON 13- INTO ETERNITY

Follow the Lamb

Jo 1:29- 3:16 - MAL 3:16

Have you ever been asked what you're most looking forward to in eternity? If you ask a child, they might say, "Riding a tiger," "Sliding down a giraffe's neck," or "Flying to different planets." If you were to ask a teenager, they might say, "Not having to do any more schoolwork" or "Exploring heaven with my friends without getting hurt." And if you were to ask a group of adults, they might say, "Being in a place where there's no more pain, suffering, or death" or "Being reunited with loved ones." All of these responses are good and true, and there is so much to look forward to in

the new heaven and the new earth. Eternity burns within our hearts, and, intrinsically, we know there must be something more to life than the here and now.

ADD BIBLE VERSES FOR ABOVE

What other blessings might we look forward to in eternity? Read Isaiah 25:8, Revelation 7:17, and Revelation 21:4.

Surely the greatest blessing of heaven will be to finally see Jesus and to thank Him, in person, for what He has done for us on this fallen earth. We will want to lavish our adoration and worship to Him for saving us, by His own suffering on the cross, from eternal death.

" 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive

power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!' " (Rev. 5:12, NKJV).

John the Baptist introduced Jesus as the "Lamb of God" (*John 1:35-37*). The disciples followed closely behind Him, and Revelation 14:4 says that we will do the same. "These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes" (Rev. 14:4, NKJV). However, for us to want to follow Him in heaven, we must first follow Him here on earth.

Jesus, the Lamb, is also our Shepherd, and He guides our paths as no other can. This is so reassuring for us as we struggle through the hard times that we find ourselves in, but Jesus will never stop leading us, even in heaven. Revelation 7:17 says, " 'For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters' " (NKJV). As His people, His sheep, we will follow

Jesus in heaven, forever wanting to be in His presence. One defining characteristic of God's people is that "His name shall be on their foreheads" (Rev. 22:4, NKJV). That is, we will be always thinking of Him. AND THINKING LIKE HIM, FOR HIS NAME IS HIS CHARACTER.

Listen to the SDA gospel song "Follow the Lamb" at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nejb7N6mm_w and make the words your personal prayer today.