

THE HOME OF THE SAVED

1. For what purpose was the earth created? Isa. 45:18.
2. What was given to man at creation? Gen. 1:26-28; Ps. 8:4-8.
3. Did man retain this dominion? Heb. 2:6-8.
4. To whom did he surrender it? Luke 4:6, 7; John 14:30. Note 1.
5. Through whom will the lost dominion be restored to man? Luke 19:10; Micah 4:8. Note 2.
6. What promise was made to Abraham and his seed Gen. 13:14-16.
7. How much did this promise include? Rom. 4:13.
8. Was this promise fulfilled in Abraham's lifetime? Heb. 11:9-13; Acts 7:4, 5. Note 3.
9. For what are the righteous to still look? 2Peter 3:13.

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10. What question did Peter ask Jesus upon a certain occasion? Matt. 19:27.

11. What was the Saviour's reply? Verses 28, 29. Note 4.

12. What will they inherit? Matt. 5:5; Ps. 37:11.

13. When will they receive their inheritance? Ps. 37:9, 10, 34.

14. How will the earth appear then? Isa. 35:1, 2.

15. How will it be purified? 2Peter 3:10-12.

16. What glorious scene in the new earth is pictured before us? Rev. 21:1-5; Isa. 35:5-10.

17. How is the home of each one described? Isa. 65:17, 21, 22.

18. In view of these things, what exhortation is given us? 2Peter 3:14.

NOTES

1. Satan was bidding for the soul of the world's Redeemer, and, when other efforts to overcome Him had failed, he offered Him as a bribe the

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greatest thing he had to give, viz., the dominion of the earth usurped from man. It was this Jesus came to restore to man, not by bowing to Satan, but by conquering him through death.

2. Through disobedience man lost his innocence and purity, his life, and his Eden home. All this Jesus came to seek and to restore to the obedient.

3. Stephen established before his accusers the resurrection of the dead, by showing that God made a promise to Abraham which was not fulfilled while he lived, and he must, therefore, be raised from the dead to receive its fulfillment. God's Word is sure. Even death cannot hinder its fulfillment.

4. The reward of obedience is eternal life. Rom. 6:23. This reward will not be spent in some region "beyond the bounds of time and space," but the Lord has provided a real home in the regenerated earth in which His people will enjoy the bliss of eternal life.