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Heaven and Earth

Genesis 2 – 3; Psalm 115:15-16; Jeremiah 23:24; Matthew 6:9-10; John 1:14-18; 2:18-21; Acts 1:9-11; Ephesians 1:9-10; Revelation 21:1-4



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LEAD-IN: [God] made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He set forth in [Christ], regarding His plan of the fullness of the times, to bring all things together in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. (Ephesians 1:9-10, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Heaven and Earth Reunited in Christ

God created the heavens and the earth.

Here on earth, in Eden, Adam and Eve enjoyed

natural, personal fellowship with our heavenly God.

But their sin separated us from Him:

Heaven was the home of the holy God.

Earth the home of the sinful human race, as well as the home of Satan (Revelation 12:7-12).

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The heavens are the heavens of the Lord, But the earth He has given to the sons of mankind. (Psalm 115:16, NASB)

But in Jesus Christ,

God is reuniting heaven and earth.

That's why Jesus referred to Himself as the temple of God (John 2:18-21),

the place where heaven and earth meet.

What's more, He is building His redeemed people into

a holy temple

where heaven and earth come together (Ephesians 2:19-22).

Heaven and earth,

God and humankind,

holy and human,

are fully reunited in Jesus Christ.

But the Creator God is not content with reuniting Himself

only with His redeemed people.

He is reuniting all creation,

heaven and earth,

with Himself

in Jesus Christ.

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We eagerly await the complete fulfillment of that grand promise:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." (Revelation 21:1-4, NASB)

Imagine all creation,
heaven and earth,
pure as He is pure,
totally free from sin and death,
aglow with His personal, unfiltered presence
completely and
forever.
Imagine!

That's why Jesus taught us to pray,

Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:9-10, NASB)

Come, Lord Jesus! Reunite heaven and earth!

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