

TAKE TO HEART



³Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

Revelation 1:3 (NIV)

Take to Heart:

To internalize or live according to something; to be greatly affected and impacted by something; to hold onto as valuable and life-directing.

**¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb
²down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month.**

Revelation 22:1-7, 12, 20 (NIV)

And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.⁵ There will be no more night.

Revelation 22:1-7, 12, 20 (NIV)

They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. ⁶The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true.

Revelation 22:1-7, 12, 20 (NIV)

The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.”⁷ “Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll . . .

Revelation 22:1-7, 12, 20 (NIV)

¹²Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done²⁰He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:1-7, 12, 20 (NIV)

**TAKE TO
HEART: HE'S
COMING SOON**

Blessed Hope:

Faith in the power of God's prophetic promises; we live our lives today based upon His promised tomorrows.

“If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next.”

Randy Alcorn, Heaven

**HEAVEN WILL
BE MARKED BY
UNITY &
DIVERSITY**

THE NATIONS WILL BE HEALED & BROUGHT TOGETHER

On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:2

THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE OF 1914

**On Christmas Day,
German soldiers
approached Allied lines
and called out “Merry
Christmas” in their
enemies’ native tongues
and exchanged gifts, sang
carols, and played soccer.**



THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE OF 1914

A German Lieutenant recalled, “How marvelously wonderful, yet how strange it was. The English officers felt the same way about it. Thus Christmas, the celebration of Love, managed to bring mortal enemies together as friends for a time.”



**HEAVEN WILL
BE MARKED BY
JOY &
CELEBRATION**

**WE'LL BE FROM THE
CURSE & KNOW WE
TRULY BELONG**

³No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

Revelation 22:3-4 (NIV)

IMPOSTER SYNDROME

The psychological phenomenon in which people are unable to internalize their own worth or success.

People often internalize the idea that who they are is not worthy of acceptance, causing a fear of being perceived as a fraud or “imposter.”

**HEAVEN WILL
BE MARKED BY
TRUTH & LIGHT**

**OUR FAITH WILL BE
MADE SIGHT AND OUR
UNDERSTANDING WILL
BECOME COMPLETE**

**⁵There will be no more night. They will
not need the light of a lamp or the light
of the sun, for the Lord God will give
them light.**

Revelation 22:5

“Nothing is more often misdiagnosed than our homesickness for Heaven. We think that what we want is sex, drugs, alcohol, a new job, a raise, a doctorate, a spouse, a large-screen television, a new car, a cabin in the woods, a condo in Hawaii . . .

Randy Alcorn, Heaven

“ . . . What we really want is the person we were made for, Jesus, and the place we were made for, Heaven. Nothing less can satisfy us.”

Randy Alcorn, Heaven

“God is the highest good of the reasonable creature, and the enjoyment of him is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied. To go to heaven fully to enjoy God, is infinitely better than the most pleasant accommodations here . . .

Jonathan Edwards

. . . Fathers and mothers, husbands, wives, children, or the company of earthly friends, are but shadows. But the enjoyment of God is the substance. These are but scattered beams, but God is the sun. These are but streams, but God is the fountain. These are but drops, but God is the ocean.”

Jonathan Edwards