

Tasting the Heavenly Gift.  
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**Heb 6:4** Those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

**Heb 6:5** And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

All those of us who have been born from above, of heaven, have been destined to live in the heavenly. To be in the earth, but not of it.

**Joh 1:12** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:

**Joh 1:13** Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Jesus knew Who his Father was and was living in the presence of His Father.

Our Heavenly Father is in the heavenly places, and that is where we meet with Him.

The kingdom of heaven is within us, right here, right now. Not pie in the sky for when we die.

**Luk 12:29** And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, (things of the earth.) neither be ye of doubtful (literally suspended in the air – halfway between earth and heaven!) mind.

Luk 12:30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knows that ye have need of these things.

Luk 12:31 But rather seek (pursue) ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Luk 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Luk 12:33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that fail not, where no thief approaches, neither moth corrupts.

Luk 12:34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

We can choose to live in the heavenly realm, or to make our dwelling place in the world.

Our earthly self loves the world. The way out of this is to take up our cross daily, reckoning our self dead, that we may live unto Christ.

1Co 15:47 The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

1Co 15:48 As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.

Part of the earthy is religion. For those of us who have by the grace and unmerited favour of God been born from above, the great danger is in the deception that is evangelical Christianity. Religion is a feature of all

human existence. It is born of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Christ Jesus came to give us eternal life (of the heavens) so that we could live in that life, not act it, learn it or preach it.

If we 'act' spiritual, rather than die to the flesh and live in the spirit, we are dead while we are alive.

The kingdom of heaven is to be entered, not discussed. The Holy Spirit is to be immersed in, taught by, led by, not explained. Jesus is here to be eaten, not described in detail like a course on a menu.

The heavenly demands obedience, fear, awe and reverence.

(Act 26:19) Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

Our hope is in the heavenlies;

(Eph 1:3) Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:

(Eph 1:20) Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*,

(Eph 2:6) And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

We are transported there in the spirit as we are partakers of the Spirit, through faith in the Son of God, operating upon us. Has to be experienced. Are we desperate for the Kingdom?

(Heb 3:1) Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider (set your thoughts upon) the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

As he is seated at the right hand of the Father in the heavens, that is where we are to earnestly look and set our affections.

Living in the spirit/Spirit is living in the Heavenly places.

We make our choice daily, whether to settle for the present earthly life, perhaps with religious embellishment, or the heavenly, which is through the Spirit.

(Heb 11:16) But now they desire a better *country*, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

(Heb 12:22) But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.

The Lord Jesus, the Christ, looked for the source of things and men.

(Luk 20:4) The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men?

The Father who is in heaven is now looking for those who will worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. Not in an earthly form, centred on places, rituals, personalities, structures etc.

We can now enter beyond the veil, into the heavenly realm.

(Eph 1:20) Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*,

(Heb 12:2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Will we?

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