

you know, the Lord is full of grace and mercy. it is without limits to those who are desirous of righteousness. He has no patients for those who enjoy partaking in evil matters. He is a holy God and those that approach Him must be righteous before Him. none of us can claim that standing. we compare ourselves with each other saying "i am not as bad as so and so." that is not the standard we are held to. only when we come to the realization that we can never measure up to His requirements do we recognize the futility of our efforts.

none of us can earn our way to heaven. that is exactly why we all need a redeemer. someone who is willing to pay the price for our faults and failings. it is said "without shedding of blood there is no remission." Heb 9:22 there is only One who was willing to shed His blood to pay for our sins. One who qualifies us to stand before a holy, righteous God. One who did all things perfectly before the Father so we might be able to stand in His presence. One who makes it possible that we might once again walk with God as adam did in the garden of eden.

and it shall be a new garden where no one has ever walked in before. it will be a new creation. a new heaven and earth that comes from the mind of One who has no limits. we just have to look around us and see the majesty of God in this present creation. will not the new creation be even greater. the latter glory is always greater than the former. just as the latter glory we experience here will be greater than the former. and oh, how magnificent was the former. a hand full of believers turned the world upside down. i

think the world will be glad when we exit.

those that receive Him and believe in Him shall know this new joy. no longer will we be tempted with evil desires by the devil. i believe that is why the word says the devil will be released after the thousand years. to tempt everyone once again and this time it will not be only one that is resisting but a multitude. it will be God showing the devil that He is victor over all things and rules supreme. the only thing we desire is Him and to please Him. the only way we desire to be like Him is in our nature. we love and seek only those things which please Him. to please Him is our desire and purpose. we acknowledge the richness that lies in Him alone.

i pray we all come to know the saving grace of our Lord.

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