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Malachi 4:6, “*And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.*”

Revelation 22:3, “*And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him.*”

It’s interesting that the very last word of the Old Testament is “curse.” Man was under a curse because of sin. The ordinances of the old law could not remove these sins. Though sacrifices were made, the blood offered by the animals could not take away sins. We are told in Hebrews 10:4, “*For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*”

Those sacrifices could have never made mankind perfect. Hebrews 10:1, “*For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.*” Though sacrifices were offered yearly, this verse

lets us know they could never make us perfect.

The final forgiveness of sins came under the new law when Jesus offered Himself upon the cross. Hebrews 9:28 tells us, “*So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*” Hebrews 10:12 says, “*But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;*”

The offering of Christ upon the cross was so perfect and so complete that it was only done once and this offering is forever.

When we come to the last chapter of the Bible we are told in Revelation 22:3 there shall be no more curse. There is no more curse because there is no more death. Death was the result of sin, but with Christ offering this perfect sacrifice once and forever, there is no more curse to the saved. They cannot die. There is no death in Heaven.

I think Revelation 22:3 tells us even more about there no longer being a curse. After we are told there shall be no more curse, there is a word that shows contrast. The verse says “but.” The part that follows is that the throne of God and the Lamb shall be in it, and we shall serve Him.

The LORD cannot dwell where sin is. Therefore the throne of God and the Lamb is in Heaven where there is no sin. Since we will be sinless and saved in Heaven, we will be serving Him eternally. This is a service that is pleasurable and service we want to give to the LORD. Service that is our love, homage, and worshiping. It brings us pleasure now to serve our loved ones by doing for them. How much more so to give everlasting service to the LORD.

Since God and the Lamb are there and we are serving the LORD, there is no more curse.

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News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry.**

—Our yearly chili supper and evening worship will be at the home of **Mitch & Sandy Duncan** on Sunday, October 29 at 5:00 p.m. The following Sunday, November 5, our evening services will return to 4:00 p.m. for the duration of Standard Time.

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Revelation 22:5, *“And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.”*

In the previous article we closed out talking about how the saved in Heaven will serve the LORD. In Revelation 22:5 we are told we shall reign for ever and ever. How do we serve and reign at the same time?

We not only will be serving the LORD by our worship, love and adoration, but we will be reigning. How can we reign in Heaven? Is there anyone for us to reign over?

I don't think this passage means we will be reigning in the sense of being over anyone. The lost will certainly not be there. Revelation 5:10 in referring to the number of angels says there were *“ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands.”* We will not be reigning over them. We are told in Luke 20:36 regarding the saved in Heaven, *“Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.”* We are equal to the angels and will not reign over them.

I think it simply means we reign in that we have reached the very highest existence possible for us. We have already been called kings in Revelation 1:6 and 5:10. Kings reign in a kingdom. We will have an everlasting kingdom which is Heaven.

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Sunday, October 8, 2017		
Classes	19	II Thessalonians 3:1-18
Preaching	27	Matthew 14:22-32
Contribution	\$903.00	
Evening	14	Revelation 22:1-7
Wednesday, October 11, 2017		
Classes	23	Amos 7:1-17

Oct 8 (AM) Visitors— Malcom & Velma George; Jeff & Rose Spears (Hohenwald, Tennessee); Paul Evans (Rockmart, Georgia)

Bible Quiz

The pure river of water of life was proceeding out of what?

Last Week's Answer— Ivory (Amos 6:4)

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Kings sit in thrones, and Revelation 3:21 tells us we will be able to sit with Jesus in His throne. We are kings, we will be able to sit in the throne of Jesus with Him. Therefore we are reigning. Not in the sense of reigning over, but simply meaning that we have conquered and overcome and therefore reigning forever.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)