

Sabbath School

Into Eternity

June 27, 2026



1 John 3:2 KJV

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

This afternoon we'll be studying Righteousness by Faith together. This week's SS lesson is the **endgame** of that entire conversation. Hours and hours of study and presentations leads to this glorious moment: when we see **face to face!**

Looking into the future 🎬

We can only see moment by moment, we have no idea what's coming next. We only have the past and the present, with no idea what the future holds.

James 4:14 KJV

whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a

vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

That might be a depressing verse, but it shouldn't be to us! As Christians, we **do** have something that shows us what lies ahead.. not only globally for all of mankind with end time events and Bible prophecy, but personally as well. We know that this brief life continues in a far better way.

Check out some of these verses,

1 Corinthians 13:12 KJV

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

John 20:29 KJV

Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

2 Corinthians 5:7 KJV

for we walk by faith, not by sight:

These verses show God's plan for us,

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Luke 12:32 KJV

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

God has only our best interest in mind because He loves us beyond comprehension. He is **eager** to give us the kingdom! We know these things are true because we've put our complete faith and trust in God's Word and His promises,

All based on a promise,

Ellen G. White

1888 General Conference,
Minneapolis, Minn

“We have most precious promises in the word of God, which ought to give us courage and confidence. They should enable us to come out of uncertainty and darkness, to come where we may know that the Spirit beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. There is nothing wanting in the store-house of our God.”

God's promise of a future

Joshua 23:14 KJV

And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto

you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.

2 Corinthians 1:20-22 KJV

[20] For all the promises of **God** in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. [21] Now he which stablisheth us with you in **Christ**, and hath anointed us, is God; [22] who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the **Spirit** in our hearts.

2 Peter 1:4 KJV

whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious **promises**: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

MONDAY ↑

June 22

Finally, Face-to-Face

How do you **know** that we were created to have a relationship with God? We see that truth all through the Bible, but nowhere

clearer than right at the beginning,

Genesis 3:8-9

James 4:8 KJV

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

John 17:3 KJV

And this is life eternal, that they might **know thee** the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

John 10:27 KJV

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

We develop an abiding relationship with God the Father only because the sin that separates has been removed by the Son. We come to know God through the third Person of the Godhead, the Holy Ghost,

Romans 15:13 KJV

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

It's only through this power living inside you, that you can connect with the Father, and be filled with joy and hope and certainty that what you believe is true.

This supernatural **relationship** obviously starts now, at your conversion,

Ephesians 4:22, 24 KJV

[22] that ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

[24] and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

So at our **conversion** (John 3) we're put back on track. God plucks us from the city dump, cleans us off, gives us a new heart (Hebrews 8), gives us the Holy Spirit for

our transformation (Romans 8), AND calls us his sons and daughters (1 Jn 3), then welcomes us into the family of God and gives us a job to do! 😊

That **transformation** that we read about all through the Bible, will never be complete until we see Jesus face to face. Then it'll be finished, and permanent. The war will be over.

Let's read about that glorious day from Monday's lesson,

As the world plummets closer to the end, we know that a small black cloud will one day appear in the eastern sky. As it comes closer and closer, we'll see that on that cloud sits "One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle" ([Rev. 14:14](#), NKJV). Jesus will be accompanied by thousands upon thousands of angels ([Matt. 25:31](#)), and every eye will see Him ([Rev. 1:7](#)). As He descends, we'll hear His shout, a trumpet call of God, and the tombs of those who fell asleep in Christ will open as they rise first ([1 Thess. 4:16](#)). They will know the voice of the One who calls them ([John 5:28](#)).

And from the Bible,

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

THAT is when the **transformation** is complete. New body, new mind.. *same character*. A righteous character.

Philippians 1:6 KJV

being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Hebrews 11:39-40 KJV

[39] And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: [40] God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

The complete restoration, the perfection, will come at the rapture at the second coming of Christ,

1 Thessalonians 4:17 KJV

then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1 Peter 5:10 KJV

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

Even though not all will be transformed and saved into the kingdom, **all** will eventually confess that Jesus is Lord,

Philippians 2:10-11 KJV

[10] that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
[11] and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Bride

While exiled on the island of Patmos, the disciple John was given a vision of what it will be like when we are reunited with God for eternity.

Read [Revelation 21:9-11](#). What analogy was given, and why do you think it was used?

- ≡ ○ Yaweh referred to Israel itself as a woman, Jeremiah 3.20
- ≡ ○ The ten virgins in Matt 25 is symbolic for the wheat growing together with the tares inside the church.
- ≡ ○ The old and the new covenants are contrasted in Galatians 4 as two women, Hagar and Sarah.
- ≡ ○ The woman clothed with the sun in Rev 12 is representative of the remnant church during the prophetic 1260 years of persecution.
- ≡ ○ So it's not surprising God would

continue with this for his redeemed and transformed people. Jesus returning for his bride to go to the wedding.

The **New Jerusalem** itself is depicted as a woman. Why use this symbology for a city?

Ellen White writes in the *Great Controversy*

"This beautiful description of the Holy City shows that there is an **intimate connection** between God's people and the city, because both are called "the bride." The Bible reveals a detailed description of "the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, which is the capital and representative of the kingdom, and is called 'the bride, the Lamb's wife.'"

What's the intimate connection? This is our eternal home! We are forever linked with it, and *with* our Saviour who got us there. It will come full circle, Eden restored

Adam is reinstated in his first dominion. Transported with joy, he beholds the trees that were once his delight—the very trees whose fruit he himself had gathered in the days of his innocence and joy. He sees the vines that his own hands have trained, the very flowers that he once loved to care for. His mind grasps the reality of the scene; he comprehends that this is indeed **Eden restored**.³¹*The Great Controversy, 648.*

Restored to the tree of life in the long-lost Eden, the redeemed will “grow up” (**Malachi 4:2**) to the full stature of the race in its primeval glory. The last lingering traces of the curse of sin will be removed, and Christ’s faithful ones will appear in “the beauty of the Lord our God,” in mind and soul and body reflecting the perfect image of their Lord. Oh, wonderful redemption! long talked of, long hoped for, contemplated with eager anticipation, but never fully understood.³²*The Great Controversy, 645.*

And the **Holy Spirit** will be there as well, because He is integral with us, with God's redeemed people,

Revelation 22:17 KJV

And the **Spirit** and the **bride** say, Come.

And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

WEDNESDAY ↑

June 24

Follow the Lamb

What are you most looking forward to in heaven, on the new earth?

Revelation 21:3 KJV

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

From Wednesday's lesson,

Surely the greatest blessing of heaven will be to finally see Jesus and to thank Him, in person, for what He has done for us on this fallen earth. We will want to lavish our adoration and worship to Him for saving us, by His own suffering on the cross, from eternal death.

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" ([Rev. 5:12](#), NKJV).

THURSDAY ↑

June 25

"Come!"

The invitation is offered to us again, today: "Come."

Read the following passages and notice His invitation for you to come to Him: [Matt. 11:28-30](#), [Isa. 55:1-3](#), [John 6:44](#).

Revelation 3:20 KJV

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.