



## I AM A CITIZEN OF HEAVEN!

---

From social media headlines to the evening news, we can sometimes feel surrounded by negativity. We can all too easily feel overwhelmed and lose sight of an important truth: this isn't our home. As followers of Jesus, we have been given a new nature and a new and splendor-filled home in a place free from all of the heartbreak and hurt that fills our news feeds. This isn't just a *future* home. We are already citizens there. In fact, the only reason we woke up *here* today is to help others find the hope that awaits us *there*! So, be encouraged. Be alert. Do not allow the voice of discouragement, fear or despair to echo through the corridors of your mind today. Your King is *with* you. He will never leave you. He will never forsake you. Your future is secure, and your present is laden with purpose. Know with each heartbeat that your faithfulness *here* shining the light within you is achieving an eternal glory *there* that will take your very breath away!

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our *light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all*. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal” 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 – Emphasis added.

“Our *citizenship* is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ” Philippians 3:20 – Emphasis added.

### QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. *As people, we can tend to get short-sighted and worry about things that will not matter even a short time from now. What are you worrying about or fearing?*
  - Provision/finances
  - Fear about your children
  - Future
  - Failure
  - Fear about your health
  - Rejection
  - Any phobia \_\_\_\_\_
  - Personal Safety/Dying
  - Public speaking
  - Any other fears: \_\_\_\_\_
2. *Why do you think God tells us to “fix our eyes” on our coming home? When you hear about heaven, what emotions come to mind?*

### PRAYER:

*Lord, thank you that my future with you is secure and that heaven is my true home. Please make me aware of the glimpses of heaven all around me today! I give you all worries and fears and choose to focus on **you** today and not the temporary circumstances of life. I receive your peace. I walk in the truth that you are returning for me and that my time here today has great purpose. Open my eyes to see what you are doing!*

### LISTENING TIME:

*Stop for a few minutes and ask the Lord what he wants to say to you. He might bring to mind a picture, a word, a song, an encouragement, a Scripture or an answer to a burden in your heart. Don't rush or feel pressure to figure out the meaning of your impressions. Just invite him to speak and draw or write down what you sense. Afterward, ask God to help you discern and understand what he is saying to you. You might want to ask other trusted friends in the Kingdom for their input as well.*

*USE THE FOLLOWING SPACE TO RECORD WHAT GOD IS SAYING*

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



### TOOLS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS:

Ask, "What do you think heaven will be like?" Read the description in Revelation 21. Pray together, thanking God for creating heaven as our forever home.

### TOOLS FOR PRAYING FOR OTHERS:

Pray they will understand the reality of heaven and hell and turn to their Creator.