

Your Heavenly Inheritance

1 Peter 1:3-9

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Main Point:

Remember what awaits you in heaven, so that you can have joy in times of trial.

1. God has mercifully caused you to be born again to a living hope. (v. 3)
2. You have an inheritance reserved in heaven for you. (v. 4)
3. God ensures that you receive your heavenly inheritance. (v. 5)
4. While you wait to receive your heavenly inheritance, you will go through various trials in this life. (vv. 6-7)
5. Remember what awaits you in heaven, so that you can have joy in times of trial. (vv. 8-9)

Quotations and Cross-References

2 Corinthians 5:17 ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (ESV)

1 Corinthians 15:16-17 ¹⁶ For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁷ And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! (NKJV)

John 14:2-3 ² "In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. (NKJV)

Galatians 4:7 ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. (NKJV)

John 10:27-29 ²⁷ "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ "My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. (NKJV)

Romans 8:35, 38-39 ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NKJV)

William Harrell "Our inheritance is not only preserved by God for us, but we are protected by God through all hazards until we finally and fully possess it."

William Harrell "The sufferings of the faithful are divinely ordained tests, designed not to destroy them, but to sanctify them fully and triumphantly."

James 1:2-4 ² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. (NKJV)

William Harrell "We do well ... to maintain a consistent grasp upon these glorious realities, letting their consoling power cast a light upon our grim suffering ..."

William Harrell "By lifting the focus of these suffering believers from their painful earthly condition, he not only reminds them of their true blessing, but he feeds their souls upon the liberating power of that truth. As they are lifted to a contemplation of their blessed God, they are made to realize, as we are, that whatever believers may suffer for Christ's sake, it is not worthy to be compared with the glorious blessing conferred upon them by God in Christ."