

Heb. 11 : 14, 16: The home of the saved is called "a country", "a better country", a "heavenly country".

Because of their close similarity in character and conditions, the Bible mingles its description of the "Heaven" that now is, with its description of the "Heaven on earth" that will be. This is the second important key which, once grasped, widens immensely our understanding of the Bible truth about Heaven.

(See Chart No. 12—The New Earth)

#### FACT 4—HEAVEN IS A CLEAN PLACE

Rev. 21 : 27: "Nothing that defileth."

Matt. 6 : 20: No rust or pests.

I Cor. 6 : 9, 10: No drunkards, idolaters, blasphemers or unclean persons.

Ps. 24 : 3-5: "He that hath clean hands and a pure heart."

#### FACT 5—HEAVEN IS A SAFE PLACE

Rev. 22 : 14: All citizens will be commandment-keepers.

Isa. 11 : 6-9: "The wolf shall dwell with the lamb."

Matt. 6 : 19, 20: No thieves.

Isa. 33 : 24: No sickness.

Isa. 35 : 9: No ravenous beast.

Rev. 22 : 3: "No more curse."

#### FACT 6—HEAVEN IS A HAPPY PLACE

Rev. 21 : 4: All tears wiped away. No more sorrow, crying, pain or death.

Luke 20 : 36: "Neither can they die any more."

Isa. 35 : 10: "Songs and everlasting joy." (Also the whole of this chapter.)

Isa. 65 : 17-25: "Long enjoy the work of their hands."

Ps. 16 : 11: "Fulness of joy. Pleasures for evermore."

#### FACT 7—HEAVEN IS A MEETING-PLACE

I Thess. 4 : 16-18: The meeting in the air.

Matt. 24 : 30, 31: God's elect gathered from the four winds.

Jer. 31 : 15, 16: "They shall come again from the land of the enemy."

I Cor. 13 : 12: "We shall know, even as we are known."

**Conclusion** Why do you think God has given US a chance to hear these wonderful things about Heaven?

Because He wants us to have a share in the joys of His eternal home! God is not trying His hardest to keep people out of Heaven. He is trying His hardest to get people in!

John 14 : 2: "In My Father's house are MANY mansions."

"Many mansions", shows that Jesus is expecting a large number of people to respond to His invitation. Who could resist such a tremendous offer? We must decide to be among that happy company!