

Poem: I Don't Want To Search In Vain

In thinking about heaven, and anticipating,
Isn't its prospect surely beyond our imagining? –
The perfection, the happiness, and seeing at last the face *Rev 21:4 & 22:4*
Of the One Who loved us, Who bled and died in our
place. *Gal 2:20; 1 Pet 1:18-19*

But surely also one of the most wondrous things
That the dawn of the great eternal morning brings
Is being reunited forevermore
With dearest friends and loved ones, who have gone on before.

On the golden streets, my friend, I long to see you again, *Rev 21:1*
I'm yearning there to find you – I don't want to search in vain;
For your never-dying soul I can only but care –
With heaven this wonderful, I want you to be there. *Eph 2:4-7*

But you may say "Isn't it arrogant to say you can *know*
For an absolute certainty, that to heaven you will go? *Jn 3:17-18*
What makes you so special, perfect, holy or pure? *1 Tim 1:15; Lk 18:9-14*
What gives you such confidence? How can anyone be
sure?" *Pr 14:26 & 3:26; Heb 10:35*

Yes, heaven isn't, by birth, our default destination *Jn 3:3, 5 & 7*
As, betwixt us and God, our sin had brought separation; *Is 59:2*
Yet Christ the price paid on Calvary, that He might restore *1 Pet 3:18*
The relationship by sin broken, and give life evermore. *Eph 2:13*

For God so loved the world His only son He gave, *Jn 3:16*
That whoe'er believes in Him, eternally He would save –
Not merely a head knowledge, but where the heart too is
stirred, *Rom 10:9-10*
Placing faith and trust in Christ, as personal Saviour and Lord.

For Jesus' words are clear – can they leave any doubt?
"Him (or her) that comes to me I will in no way cast out." *Jn 6:37*
And He has gone back to heaven a place to prepare, *Jn 14:1-2*
And will receive us to Himself – where He is, we'll be there. *Jn 14:3*

For, praying to His Father, before He went to the cross, *Jn 17:1-3*
With a heart of compassion, desiring none be lost – *Mt 9:36; 2 Pet 3:9*
"Father, I will that they also, whom You have given me,
Be with Me where I am, and behold My glory." *Jn 17:24*

Because of the *price Jesus paid*, and the *promises Jesus made*, *Rev 1:5*
And the *prayer Jesus prayed* – my hope is firmly stayed; *Jn 17:24*
On these three sturdy pillars, confidently I can stand,
Knowing none can pluck me out of my Saviour's hand. *Jn 10:28-29*

On this most vital matter of eternity, *Jn 20:31*
The Bible's ne'er ambiguous – it gives clear certainty – *Rom 10:13*
“These things I've written to those who in Christ have believed, *1 Jn 5:13*
That you may know that eternal life you've received.” *1 Jn 5:11-13*

I'm trusting not in my merits, or aught I've ever done – *Eph 1:8-9*
My confidence is solely in God's sinless, spotless Son; *Titus 3:5-6*
And, 'twas perhaps an old hymnwriter who summed it up the best –
“My hope's built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness.”

I recognised my sin would bring God's condemnation, *Rom 6:23; Jn 3:18*
But that He had provided so great a salvation; *Heb 2:3*
And, with love, grace and mercy as amazing as this, *1 Jn 3:1; 2 Jn 3*
Why would I shun His forgiveness, and heaven's glories
miss? *Ps 130:4; Eph 1:7*

So heav'n's wonderful prospect I greatly look forward
to, *Cor 2:9; Rev 21:2*
And 'whosoever' may come – my dear friend, that means *you!* *Rom 10:13*
Will we embrace in paradise, and forever heaven
share? *Lk 23:43; Rev 22:5*
I don't want to search in vain – Oh please make sure you'll
be there. *Is 45:22*