

How Much More

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Read: John 14:27-31

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In our small group, we discussed what happens when we die. As forgiven sinners, do we go immediately to be in the presence of our Heavenly Father? Do we go into a sleep to be raised up at some later time? Will there be a period of further cleansing, as C.S. Lewis believed, before we come before our Father? Will time have any meaning? What forms will our worship, praise and adoration take?

Today we see and experience a little of the magnificence of God's creation – both out to the vast universe and to the intricacies of the smallest particle, the sheer complexity of our DNA. We only experience a tiny bit of this universe - how much more wondrous will the new heaven and earth be? How will we explore, work, create, dream, worship, feel, love, and so much more beyond death?

Lent is a time for reflection. I've been thinking about what that means and as we talked in our small group, the thief on the cross came up: the thief who deserved to die; the thief who asked to be with Jesus just before his death; the thief who had no time to live a life of a forgiven sinner on earth - we do! The thief who is with his Saviour and experiencing life beyond death – we can look forward to that new life for we know it will be good!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for your sacrifice on the cross! May our lives reflect the fact that we are forgiven sinners. And may we also eagerly anticipate being with you "in paradise". AMEN.
