

**Sermon Quotes**  
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**Eternity and Eternal Things- What Present Heaven Is Like Pt. 2**

*"...We're told there are scrolls in Heaven, elders who have faces, martyrs who wear clothes, and even people with 'palm branches in their hands'. There are musical instruments in the present Heaven, horses coming into and out of Heaven; and an eagle flying overhead in Heaven."*

—Randy Alcorn

**Acts 7:44** ESV "Our fathers had the tent of witness in the wilderness, just as He who spoke to Moses **directed him** to make it, **according to the pattern** that he had seen."

*"Often our thinking is backwards... We tend to start with Earth and reason up toward Heaven, when instead we should start with Heaven and reason down toward Earth."*

—Randy Alcorn

**Revelation 2:7** ESV (Jesus speaking) "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers **I will grant to eat of the tree of life**, which is in the **paradise** of God."

**Revelation 18:20** ESV "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, for God has given judgment for you against her!"

*"Let us settle it then in our minds, for one thing, that the future happiness of those who are saved is eternal. However little we may understand it, it is something that will have no end: it will never cease, never grow old, never decay, and never die. 'God will fill us with joy in His presence, with eternal pleasures at His right hand.' Once they arrive in paradise, the saints of God will never ever leave that wonderful place. Their inheritance 'can never perish, spoil or fade.' They will 'receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.' Their warfare is finished; their fight is over; their work is done. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. They are traveling on towards an 'eternal glory that far outweighs' all their struggles; towards a home which will never be broken up, a meeting without a parting, a family gathering without a separation, a day without night. Faith will be swallowed up in sight, and hope in certainty. They will see as they have been seen, and know as they have been known, and 'be with the Lord forever.' I am not surprised that the apostle Paul adds, 'Encourage each other with these words.'"*

—JC Ryle