



Citizenship in Heaven

An American tourist was visiting a home of a rabbi. He was astonished to see that the rabbi's home was only a simple room filled with books, plus a table and a bench.

"Rabbi, where is your furniture?" the tourist asked,

"Where is yours?" replied the rabbi.

"Mine?" asked the puzzled American. "But I'm a visitor here. I'm only passing through."

"So am I," said the rabbi.

Do you live as though you were only passing through this world?

Stinging Nettle Quesadillas

We usually start this process by filling an extra-large bowl full of nettle stalks. (Gloves and scissors help to avoid stings) Carefully, cut leaves off stinging nettle into a large pot. Add water and steam nettle until limp. Remove from heat. Chop and sauté one large onion. Add Cheese sauce and onions to nettle. Spoon mixture onto tortilla shells and fold in half. Fry on a skillet oiled with olive oil. You can usually fit two at a time.

Easy Cheesy Sauce

2 ½ cups Non-GMO soy or nutmilk, (not vanilla) OR blend 2 ½ cups water + ¾ cup almonds

¼ to ½ cup olive oil

1 tsp onion powder

3 Tbsp lemon juice

2 tsp nutritional yeast

Cook on stovetop until thickened.

½ cup unbleached flour or millet flour

2 tsp salt

For a Homemade Flour Tortillas recipe visit www.biblepathwayssupply.com/recipe-archive.php



Profitable Traditions

Cultivate hopefulness -On July 4, or any other day, try celebrating Heavenly Citizenship Day. Singing hymns about hope of heaven and watching fireworks from a quiet distance is a great way to have vespers. Talk of things above. Kids love building a graham cracker mansion and decorating it. Invite someone else to your country. "Heaven is our home. Our citizenship is above, and our lives must not be devoted to a world that is soon to be destroyed...."

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Quotable Quotes



"Christian citizenship on the earth is a contradiction of the plain word of God. It is in fact a contradiction in terms. Christian citizenship in heaven, even while sojourning on the earth, is the plain truth of the word of God. And it is a glorious fact in Christian experience."—A. T. Jones

Jumpstart

When my son died, a year ago now, my sister was a little puzzled about how to explain his death to her toddler. He had never seen anything die before---except, a cell phone. So she proceeded to explain to him, that *Trenton's battery had died, and when Jesus comes again to take us to heaven, Jesus will recharge Trenton's battery and we will get to see him again.*

When she first told me about it, I just thought it was a wonderful way to explain death to a small child, but the more I study, the more I realize what a wonderful object lesson this actually is.



In the beginning, when God created man, he created the physical body of dust, but there was still no charge until he breathed in the breath of life. **Gen 2:7** records, *"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."*

In other words **dust (battery) + breath of God (charge) = living soul (charged battery)**

Anyone who has ever had to jump start the battery in their vehicle can understand this concept.

King Solomon wrote the opposite of this equation. *"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."* **Eccl. 12:7** and God said *"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."* **Gen. 3:19**

So when we die the opposite happens.

Living Being (charged battery) - breath/spirit of God (charge) = dust (battery)

The breath of God and the spirit of God used here are the same thing. Job said, *"All the while my **breath** is in me, and the **spirit of God** is in my nostrils;"* **Job 27:3** *"The **Spirit of God** hath made me, and the **breath of the Almighty** hath given me life."* **Job 33:4**

I'm so thankful that God has blessed us with the hope of resurrection when he will recharge the batteries of those who sleep in Jesus.

Paul wrote these words of encouragement, *"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope... For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."* **1 Thess. 4:13, 14-18**



If we can but understand the simple concept of recharged batteries, we will realize that we are but a resurrection and a jumpstart away from seeing our loved ones who died in Christ again. In the meantime, while we await that blessed day, we would do well to remember that *"... Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."* **Matt. 4:4**

It is the same simple equation for spiritual life. *"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."* **John 6:63** The current of spiritual life will thrill the soul as the words of Christ are believed and practiced.

Dust/Man +breath/Word of God = Living Christians

Is your battery charged? Why not get a jumpstart from the Word of God.



HEALING LEAVES

"In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." Rev 22:2

This is the heavenly prescription for healing-- healing leaves. By its very nature, the Tree of Life promotes life. There are many plants that grow around us that cleanse the body and promote life. Some people would have us to believe that because something is a plant it is natural and non-toxic, but this is not necessarily true. Only a crazy person would eat poison ivy. In the beginning there were two trees. One was the Tree of Life and the other was the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Eating from the forbidden Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil brought with it a tide of woe. Herbs with baleful side effects, like tobacco, have the characteristics of the Tree of Knowledge, not the Tree of Life.

I like the way a health reformer in 1898 put it, *"From beginning to end, the crime of tobacco using, of opium and drug medication, has its origin in perverted knowledge...They are using the poisonous productions that Satan himself has planted to take the place of the tree of life, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations."*

—Temperance p. 75

Remedies from the Tree of Life will be harmless. You may also note extra beneficial "side effects" with natural remedies. When Jesus came, he preached the gospel and healed many even among the poorer classes. (Luke 4:18) Likewise, many healing leaves may be found in your own lawn and garden and are freely available to the poor as well as the wealthy.

Here are a few of our favorite healing leaves.

Dandelion- Grows in temperate regions of the world. It cleanses the blood and the liver. It is also good for anemia due to its high mineral content.

Stinging Nettle- Native to Europe, Asia, northern Africa, and North America. Internally, nettle is good for respiratory complaints including allergies and asthma. It is also highly nutritive and is good for anemia. You may also use it as a hair rinse to stimulate hair follicle growth, remove scalp oil buildup and restore natural color. *"Clairol uses more than 40 tons/year as a hair conditioner."*

www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/crops/production/print.stinging-nettle.html

Plantain (pictured)-Internally, it helps with respiratory problems. Externally, it is good for insect bites and skin infections. (I used a poultice of leaves overnight, for red lines creeping up my leg from an infected cut on my foot that I had neglected to disinfect.

The infection was gone the next day.)

Cilantro- used for binding many heavy metals- Dr. David Williams recommends this inexpensive method of removing heavy metals *"While using the cilantro (at least 1/4 cup of tightly-packed fresh cilantro stems and leaves per day) for a detox period of two weeks, take 1 to 2 teaspoons of Pascalite[bentonite clay] mixed with water three times a day between meals."* (Note: if you are extremely toxic start small and build to ¼ cup) www.drdaavidwilliams.com/cilantro-clay-for-detoxification

Red Raspberry leaves- Nutrient-rich and especially beneficial for the female reproductive system.

Peppermint- Good for stomach aches. Internally, peppermint slightly anesthetizes mucous membranes and the gastrointestinal tract. It also aids digestion.

Eucalyptus and olive leaf are some other healing leaves that may be found in other places around the world, but wherever they are found, God's remedies must be those with properties of the Tree of Life. They are the simple agencies of nature that will not tax or debilitate the system. O that we might discern and use only "leaves from the Tree of Life". May *"God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us... That [His] way may be known upon earth, [His] saving health among all nations."* Psalm 67:1, 2

*All unreferenced health information from the Natural Remedies Encyclopedia, Location info from Wikipedia



Little Runners Health Tip

Dandy the Dandelion closes her petals and goes to sleep each night. Boys and girls need to sleep at night too.



Ambassadors of Heaven

"For our citizenship is in heaven; from whence also we wait for a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:"Philippians 3:20 Authorized Revised Version

The following is a story about ambassadors. An ambassador is a person who represents his country in a foreign country.

One particular Secretary of State in the United States, kept a large globe in his office. When newly appointed ambassadors had an interview with him, or when ambassadors were returning from their posts for their first visit with him, before they left his office he would test them.

He would say to them, "You have to go over the globe and prove you can identify your country." This they did. They would spin the globe and they would put their finger on the country they were being sent to.

One day however, the Secretary tested an ambassador that was going to Japan. Spinning the globe, the ambassador to Japan put his finger on the United States and said, "That's my country."

What a lesson. Those who make up God's Kingdom come from all over the world, from every country on the globe. But do we, as ambassadors of heaven to the people of planet earth, sometimes lose sight of where our citizenship truly is? If someone asks you to identify your country, could you tell them about heaven? Can people tell by the way you dress and your words and accent where your citizenship is? Do people realize you are an ambassador of heaven?



Heaven

*We have heard from the bright, the holy land;
We have heard, and our hearts are glad;
For we were a lonely pilgrim band,
And weary, and worn, and sad.
They tell us the saints have a dwelling there--
No longer are homeless ones;
And we know that the goodly land is fair,
Where life's pure river runs.*

*They say green fields are waving there,
That never a blight shall know;
And the deserts wild are blooming fair,
And the roses of Sharon grow.
There are lovely birds in the bowers green,
Their songs are blithe and sweet;
And their warblings, gushing ever new,
The angels' harpings greet.*

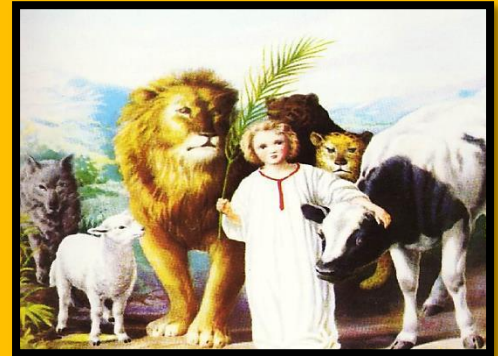
*We have heard of the palms, the robes, the crowns,
And the silvery band in white;
Of the city fair, with pearly gates,
All radiant, with light.
We have heard of the angels there, and saints,
With their harps of gold, how they sing;
Of the mount, with the fruitful tree of life,
Of the leaves that healing bring.*

*The King of that country, He is fair,
He's the joy and light of the place;
In His beauty we shall behold Him there,
And bask in His smiling face.
We'll be there, we'll be there in a little while,
We'll join the pure and the blest;
We'll have the palm, the robe, the crown,
And forever be at rest.*

--William Hyde

Characteristics of Heaven Our Homeland

1. **Better Than We have ever Seen or Heard** *"For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him."* **Isaiah 64:4**
2. **Jesus is preparing Mansions for Us** *"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. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."* **John 14:2,3**
3. **Animals Will Be Gentle** *"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox... They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."* **Isaiah 11:6-9 Also Is. 65:25**
4. **Pleasant Work Will Occupy** *"And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them."* **Isaiah 65:21-23**
5. **Pure Water to Drink, Fruit and Manna to Eat** *"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."* **Revelation 22:1,2** *"Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat."* **John 6:31**
6. **Tears will be wiped away** *"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."* **Rev 21:4** *"He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it."* **Isaiah 25:8**
7. **Music of voice, harp and trumpet ever exalting our Savior** *"And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:"* **Rev. 14:2** *"And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."* **Matt. 24:31** *"And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest."* **Rev. 15:3,4**



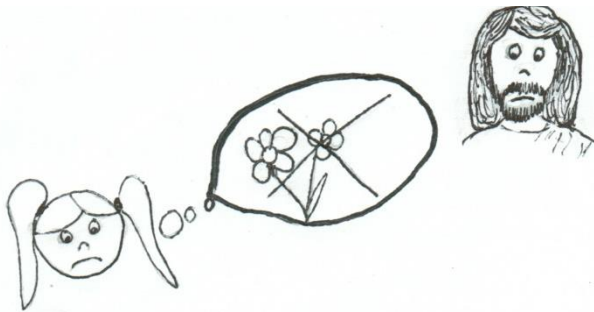
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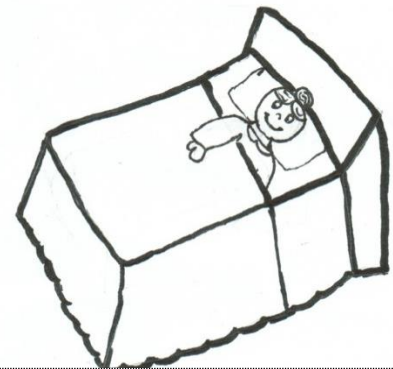


Galatians 5:22, 23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.



Passion pouted because nobody brought her flowers. She didn't want to help anybody else. She made Jesus very sad.



Patience picked some pretty flowers. She took them to a lady that was sick. She made Jesus happy.

God's Amazing Creatures

Have you ever heard of the raccoon dog? It is abundant in Japan. Unlike other animals in the dog family the raccoon dog hibernates in the winter. Raccoon dogs can even climb trees.

Just like you may not have known about the raccoon dog, the Bible says Heaven is better than anything we have ever seen or imagined. I can't wait to get there, how about you?



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The Saviour would have passed through the agony of Calvary that one might be saved in His kingdom. He will never abandon one for whom He has died. Unless His followers choose to leave Him, He will hold them fast. {Desire of Ages 480}