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## Part 10 – From Eden to Eternity

*Homegoing Celebration*  
*for*



*Sharon Rutherford*

Sunrise  
January 11, 1951

Sunset  
June 12, 2013

Saturday, April 27, 2013 @ 1:00 p.m.

New Missionary Baptist Church  
2120 NW 95th Street  
Westfort, Florida

Reverend A. Powell, Officiating  
Samuel Mason, Funeral Home  
Directing

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*“Satan labors to give people an inaccurate view of heaven. ... Some of his favorite lies concern heaven.” - Randy Alcorn*

Colossians 3:1-2 ... set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand. Think about the things of heaven. (NLT)

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Hebrews 10:11 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.

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Acts 7:55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.<sup>56</sup> “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

Luke 16:22 “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side.

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Revelation 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.

Greek word -- palingenesis -- palin, again + genesis, beginning = Genesis again

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Matthew 19:28 Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones ...



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- no more sea
- no more death
- no more mourning
- no more crying
- no more pain
- no more curse
- no more nights

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### Parallels between Eden and Eternity

1) *Heaven and earth are created* - Genesis 1:1

New heaven and new earth restored -

Revelation 21:1

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Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Revelation 21:1 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.

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2) *Death enters history* - Genesis 2:17; 3:19

No more death - Revelation 21:4

3) *The curse pronounced* - Genesis 3:17

No more curse - Revelation 22:3

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Romans 8:20 ... all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope,<sup>21</sup> the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay.

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Galatians 3:13 But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing.

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### 4) *Man driven from the Garden* - Genesis 3:24

God is with man.

Revelation 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

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5) *Sorrow and pain begin* - Genesis 3:16-17

No more sorrow, tears, and pain – Rev 21:4

6) *Initial triumph of the serpent* – Genesis 3:13

Ultimate triumph of the Lamb – Rev 22:3