

Looking for a City

*For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.
– Hebrews 11:10 –*

I often feel as though I have spent my entire life navigating between extremes. It seems I am always in situations where I am in the middle of things and often have to broker a balance. This is true of where I have resided as well. I am neither a country boy nor a city dweller, but rather a suburbanite, through and through. If I HAD to choose a residence in one of the extremities here on earth, however, I would have to say it would be the quiet of the fields as opposed to the bustle of the metropolis. I like to visit the urban areas, no doubt – but would take the serenity (and population sparsity) of the woods for the day-in-and-day-out environs of life and living.

That said, there is a City I am looking forward to not only exploring but dwelling in for eternity. And I know I'm not alone. All believers, like Abraham, are looking for that City with foundations, whose builder and maker is God Himself. Let us take a few moments to reflect upon the aspects of what a city is, and what that implies with regard to our eternal home...

Cities are places of population density. While that may be something some of us shun here on earth, we will all enjoy the crowd in heaven! Indeed, it is described as a place where an innumerable company of the angels of God and the redeemed saints from all ages will eternally bump elbows. Imagine walking down those streets of gold and running into Moses, or David, or Paul. Or think about what it will be like to converse with Gabriel or Michael or the angels that were at the tomb on Easter morning or the members of the Heavenly host that were in the skies over Bethlehem. Even with my propensities as a suburbanite, I'll take this crowd!

Cities are places of incessant activity. There will be so much to DO in Heaven, and all of it will be filled with meaning and purpose. And we won't ever tire in doing any of it!

Cities are places of festivity. In the City of God, there will never be a sour second, a mournful minute, or a dull day. It will be a place of constant joy and rejoicing – our hearts full to the brim enjoying our Christ and His glory!

Cities are places of abundance. Earthside, this equates to an abundance of places to shop, to eat, and to play. What fulness of opportunity must await us in the New Jerusalem!

Cities are places of beauty. Can we even begin to imagine how those streets of gold, those pearly gates, those gem-strewn foundations will reflect the glory of the Lamb Who lights the place?

And this City's builder and maker is God. That translates to no crime, no sin, no sorrow. Only eternal safety, security, purity, and joy will fill those streets.

Praise be unto Him Who is preparing our place in the City of God! --- *D. Murcek*