



## RCCG Sunday School Student Manual 18 August 2024: Lesson 51

### Description

RCCG Sunday School Student manual 18 August 2024 for the adult class.

Today's Lesson 51 topic is **NEW HEAVEN, NEW EARTH.**

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### **TOPIC: NEW HEAVEN, NEW EARTH**

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Revelation 21:1-5.

**MEMORY VERSE:**

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with

a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 2Peter 3:10.

## **INTRODUCTION:**

In the days of Noah, the world was destroyed with water, but God has promised that He would no more destroy the world with a flood (Genesis 9:11).

The end of the world, described in 2Peter 3:10 as the day of the Lord will occur after the final judgement by God (Revelation 20:7-10). This scripture reveals that the universe will be destroyed by fire. Therefore, believers should bear in mind that this present world will not last forever (Matthew 5:18).

## **OUTLINES:**

1. THE PASSING AWAY OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH
2. EMERGENCE OF THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH

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This refers to the physical Heaven and earth – the material world and all it contains – but not to the inhabitants of heaven and earth. To “pass away” is to disappear or be no more.

The “heavens” in 2 Peter 3:10 refers to one physical universe • the stars planets, and galaxies – which will be consumed by some kind of tremendous explosion, possibly a nuclear or atomic reaction that will consume and wipe out all matter as we know it

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This will also be a noisy event, described in different Bible versions as a “roar” (NIV), a “great noise” (KJV), a “loud noise” (CEV), and a “thunderous crash” (AMP). There will be no doubt as to what is happening.

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### **CLASS ACTIVITY 1:**

How should believers prepare for the day when the world and elements would melt in fire?

## **2. EMERGENCE OF THE NEW HEAVEN**

In Revelation 21:1, John writes of a new heaven and a new earth in the eternal state, having seen that “the first heaven and the first earth had passed away” (Isaiah 65:17; 2 Peter 3:13).

God will create a “new heaven and a new earth” which will include the “New Jerusalem” (Revelation 21:2), the capital city of Heaven, a place of perfect holiness, which will come down from heaven to the new earth.

This is the city where the saints—those whose names were written in the “Lamb’s book of life” (Revelation 13:8) – will live forever.

Peter refers to this new creation as “the home of righteousness” (2 Peter 3:13).

### **PERSPECTIVE:**

Knowing that Heaven and earth will pass away gives us perspective in life.

1. This world is not our home. we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells” (2 Peter 3:13)

ii. Jesus tells us to have the proper priorities (Matthew 6:19-20).

iii. Also Peter, after reminding us of the temporary nature of this world, says, “Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.” (2 Peter 3:14).

### **CLASS ACTIVITY 2:**

The class members should identify common spots or stains which could tarnish a believer’s life of holiness.

**CONCLUSION:**

Believers should remain faithful to the end because there is the hope of eternal life with God beyond this present world.

**QUESTION:**

- Describe how the present heavens and earth will pass away.
- Will there be a new heaven and a new earth? Explain.

**ASSIGNMENT:**

List five (5) things you must be doing now in preparation for the new heaven and the new earth. (2×5=10 Marks).

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