

The Expectations of Self

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2. The symbolic dimensions of Heaven are a square: 1,500 miles in length, height and width (Rev 21:16)
3. The Descriptive picture of Heaven (Rev 21:1-9)

What's missing:

First things (21:4)
 Sea (21:1)
 Temple (21:22)
 Sun and moon (21:23)
 Night (21:25)
 Unrighteous (21:27)
 Curse (22:3)

What's there:

Life (22:2)
 God (22:4)
 Eternity (22:5)

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Overly High Expectations

Perfectionist
 Little room for grace
 Demanding of self
 Constantly pushing self
 Faith defined by duty and obligation
 Hard to enjoy faith because one realizes that he could do more
 Never satisfied
 Difficulty forgiving self



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- Neither has confidence of Heaven
- Neither one has the right view of self

Very Low Expectations

Difficulty believing God loves you
 Sees self as "one talent" or "no talent"
 Often compares self to others
 Hard to enjoy faith because one realizes that they can't do much
 Hard to imagine self being in Heaven

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Phil 2:3 "...regard one another as _____ important than yourselves"

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How does God see you?

How do we change how we see ourselves?

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