

## HEAVENLY MANSIONS

We, dear friends, (as the elect of God) are building our Heavenly Mansions as we fulfill the days of our earthly sojourn. Please turn in your Bibles to Jn. 14:1-3 and let us look closely at a few of the words of the master. If we carefully weigh the things which are here written for our admonition, we can realize that at the time that the Lord spoke these words "in my Father's house are many mansions" nearly all of the old Testament saints had already lived and "died in the faith" and had therefore already completed their own Heavenly Mansions, how many do you think that would be.

We now say this. Everything (of our earthly possessions) which we (as the elect of God) truly give to the Master as we walk through this present life, will be accepted as an investment in our Heavenly Mansion. We are not referring to tithes, for the Scriptures seem to indicate that tithing will be fully rewarded in this present life. Also, if we are motivated to perform such giving on the assumption that we are thereby saving our souls (buying our Salvation with money and other material offerings) the said investment value will (we say) be greatly diminished, if not completely voided, we are still speaking of the elect.

The free-will offering which we read of in the Old Testament was an offering which transcended the commandment requirements, this type of offering is the one which we say will outweigh all others in potential investment value toward our Heavenly Mansion.

We will now set forth the firm conviction that every acceptable sacrifice which was offered by those who were "under the law" while these "could never take away sins" they still potentially effected an increase in the future glory of the individuals eternal Heavenly Mansion. We are here made to wonder profoundly what the eternal repercussions of such massive sacrifices as those recorded in 11Chr. 7:5, 15:11 and others could turn out to be. We could also wonder what the eternal repercussions of such sacrifices as that recorded in Mk. 12:42-44, could turn out to be.

We also wonder what manner of eternal significance the sacrifice of Abel may carry, seeing as Satan was so mightily infuriated by it, and God had such respect unto it.

We are not by these words intending to lead the individual into the belief that we can increase the splendor of our Heavenly Mansion by giving specifically toward that purpose alone. Our giving must be motivated by compassion (and true Charity) for the more needy and the less fortunate than we, if we would thereby lay up treasure in heaven. Nevertheless, considering 11Cor. 9:7 last clause, it would seem that we would be ready to jump at every opportunity to help those who are suffering the lack of "this world's good".

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P.S. As to all the different means and measures of spiritual sacrifice (that fall within the free-will order) and which are opportunistically intrinsic to the Christian life, and as to how these will potentially enhance the eternal heavenly reward, we have seemingly a great distance to travel should we ever be able to fully clarify these things. However, we want to make clear this one point in particular. The acceptable sacrifices of the Lords elect, especially those of the free-will order, (and regardless of whether they were offered under the Old or the New Testament criteria), will nevertheless be revealed hereafter in the celestial splendor of the individuals Heavenly Mansion, as to the degree of spiritual significance and the depth of lasting pleasure they afforded the Master.