

HEAVEN ... HERE AND NOW



Sweet By and By

There's a land that is fairer than day
And by faith we can see it afar
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling place there

In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore
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I'll Fly Away

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joy shall never end
I'll fly away
I'll fly away, oh, Glory
I'll fly away
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by
I'll fly away

Mark 1:15 – The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of **God has come near**. Repent and believe in the good news.

Matt. 10:7 – As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘the kingdom of **heaven is at hand**.’

Thomas 113 – His disciples said to him, “when will the kingdom of God come?” “It will not come by watching for it. Rather the Kingdom of Heaven is **spread out upon the earth**, and people don’t see it.”

Luke 17:21 - The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, “look here it is” or “There it is.” For in fact the **kingdom of God is within you**.

Thomas 51 - His disciples said to him, “When will the ‘rest’ for the dead take place and when will the new world come?” He said to them, “**What you are looking forward to has come**, but you don’t know it.”

LUKE 14:15-19 – One of the dinner guests said to Jesus, "Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" Then Jesus said to him, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.'

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LUKE 14:20-23 - Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.' So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' And the slave said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.' Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.'"

Thomas 20 – Jesus said, “the Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed. It’s the smallest of all seeds, but when it falls on prepared soil, it produces a large plant and becomes a shelter for birds of the sky.”

Matt. 13.33 – He told them another parable "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

Matt. 13.44— The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Matt. 13.47-48— The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

John 4.31-35 – Meanwhile the disciples pleaded with him, “Rabbi, eat something.” He replied, “I have food to eat, food you know nothing about. You have a saying ‘It’s still 4 months til harvest.’ Yet I tell you: look at the fields, they’re ripe for harvesting. The harvester is already getting his pay; he is gathering the crop that sustains real life.”

Heaven is everywhere present. It is the orderly, lawful adjustment of God's kingdom in man's mind, body, and affairs; the realm of divine ideas, our consciousness when in harmony with the thoughts of God. Heaven is within every one of us; having all the attractions described or imagined as belonging to heaven.

Charles Fillmore – *Keep a True Lent*

In order to find this kingdom, we must become conscious of Divine Mind and its realm of divine ideas, and be willing to adjust our thoughts to the divine standard.

Charles Fillmore – *Metaphysical Bible Dictionary*



**Heaven is here. Heaven is now.
I'm choosing Heaven today.**