

Beggars In Heaven?

Description

Acts 2:40-47

When we all get to heaven, will anyone go hungry? Will there be homeless or poor? Will there be beggars on the streets of gold? How many people will be lonely in eternity? These questions seem absurd, right? How could there be any sort of lack when the kingdom of God comes in its fullness?

That is exactly why the early church lived with radical sharing. They shared their time, energy, and resources. They found that in their life together, no one lacked anything, and God kept adding to their number.

That would not have been possible without a revolution of their imagination. Death had been defeated; Jesus is the first fruits of the new creation. Every time they met, they prayed, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

The fact that many Christians find this lifestyle so foreign today may mean that we need a radical transformation of our imagination. Has Christ truly been resurrected? Are we really a new creation? Do we expect God's will to be done without God's people doing it?

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