

MY NEW HOME



Dear Listeners, some time ago I talked to you in my message with the title «King of the Refugees». We looked at the interesting story of a king, who experienced hate and persecution and had been led by God to flee to Egypt with his family. This new home, the language and the culture were very different, of course. And because this king spent part of his life as a refugee, He is now the only one who can really feel with you and understand your situation. This king is Jesus Christ. I didn't make up this story. It is no fairy tale, either. You can read about the truth of this story yourself, in the Bible, in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 2, verses 13 to 15. If you haven't heard this story yet, you can listen to it using the following link:

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This time, my message talks about the fact that you came into a new country. You never made plans to come here and you had never even thought about it. But because of the troubles and the pressure in your home country, you have been led here. Unfortunately, even though you have reached this new country, you will remain only guests here. The Bible calls this world a valley of weeping. Maybe you are weeping, because you once had a good background and a good position. Maybe you find yourself in a valley of weeping because of an insecure future. In any case, you most likely have the feeling of being a stranger, which is a bad feeling. That's why I want to bring you the good news about a new, real home. A home where we can live safely and feel secure. There is no sin and no sinners. There is also no tiredness and no bad surprises. Yes, this is the home where we can live with God Himself, personally.

Where love and safety prevail and where injustice, prejudice and stereotyped thinking are far away.

You are certainly asking now: Where is this home? It is in heaven, where we can spend eternal life. Please let me tell you what the Bible says about this new home in heaven. In Revelations (that's the last book in the Bible) we read, in chapter 21, verses 3 to 5:

«And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying: Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away. And He who sits on the throne said: Behold, I am making all things new. And He said: Write, for these words are faithful and true.»

Here an important question comes up in our minds. How can I reach this new home? Do I have to go through a lot of dangers again, just like during my escape? Does my family have to separate again? Do I have to live in such an uncomfortable accommodation again for my new, heavenly home? And are there also as many strict laws and so much bureaucracy for this new, heavenly home? These questions are all very understandable. There are so many of you who live under a lot of pressure and in difficult living situations. But I told you I have good news about this new home. And the words «good news» have the same meaning as the word «gospel». It means something like: «good messages from heaven».

No, my loved ones, you will not experience any of these difficulties nor relive any of this pressure, because He who founded this new home is not a limited human. He is not like a government that, though having a functioning economy and technology, has limited possibilities. The creator and inventor of this new, heavenly home is God Himself. That's why this new home is comfortable, made with a loving and compassionate hand. He could be described as the most compassionate of all. And I think there is another important question that comes to mind, which is: Does every person have a right to come into this new, heavenly home as a refugee? Are there any laws for this?

First of all, I want to correct one word, the word «refugee» in relation to the new home. We will not be refugees there, on the contrary, it is a stable, eternal home that never has to be changed again. The law of this home says that there is only one way to reach it and to live there. Because heaven is pure and free of all human impurity, everyone who wants to go to this new home has to be cleansed. And there is no other possibility to be cleansed than the blood of Christ. The Word of God says, in 1. John, chapter 1, verse 7b:

«The blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.»

Maybe someone will refuse now and say: «But I'm not a Christian!» I would like to point out to you that Christ did not come just for Christians. He did not come for a certain society, either. He came to the world as God for all people. In John 3:16, the Bible says:

«For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.»

The meaning of this Word of God is that God loves the whole world and Jesus Christ died for all people. And everyone who accepts Him and believes in Him, and believes that He gave His life as a sacrifice for mankind, every person who does this will never perish, but receives the right to go into this new home. This part of scripture shows us that the entrance for this new home has already been paid for by the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is God's gift for mankind. The Bible also says in Romans 6:23:

«For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.»

And now that the way to this new, heavenly home has been made clear, there is only one thing left to do, my dear hearers. Everyone has to decide personally and for himself to accept the sacrifice of Christ that he has made for our sins. All religions show that only Christ is flawless and without sin. That's why He is the only one whose sacrifice is accepted by God to bring salvation.

If you need time to think about this important life decision, you should certainly do that, because it affects your eternal future. And if you want to make the decision to have this new, heavenly home, you can pray with me now:

«My Lord and God, I thank You for Your good plan to save my soul. I accept the sacrifice of Christ that was made in my place. I thank You that through Jesus, I have become worthy of coming into this new home. I thank You for my new, peaceful home. Amen.»

If you have any questions about heaven or if you need a New Testament, please write to elia@rnh.de

