

GLEANINGS

OUR HEAVENLY BODY

We began to share in Article GE-36 (Our New Body) that it will be necessary for God to give those who have been born again a heavenly, glorified body to live in through eternity. The material body that we have now will go back to the dust because of the sin nature it has inherited from our father Adam. Please read Article GE-35 (Adam's Seed Is Corrupt) for an explanation of why our material body is corrupt. You may also read article GE-06 (God's Image) for the explanation of why we have a material body and a spiritual body.

"¹Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ²Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, ³because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. ⁶Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷We live by faith, not by sight. ⁸We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat (the Bema Seat or the Reward Seat) of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad." (2nd Corinthians 15:1-10 New International Version)