

“The Most Wonderful Place in Creation”

Isaiah 66:10-14

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Have you ever wondered what heaven will be like? You know, it’s a funny thing about heaven – everyone wants to go there, but no one wants to die to do it!

Our Salvation in Heaven is promised to be the most wonderful place in creation. When Isaiah wrote the words for today’s old testament lesson, he imagined heaven to be even better than the best place that everyone knew at the time – that would be the beautiful city of Jerusalem! Simply everyone wanted to go to Jerusalem.

“Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her. You shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice. Your bodies shall flourish like the grass. It shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants.” Isaiah 66



Well, this is Sam Konde. He is not thinking so much about heaven now, as he is thinking about his first trip to Camp Nawakwa this afternoon to spend four days and three nights in this place that everyone has talked about.

“Oh! It is the most wonderful place in creation!” said Elizabeth to Sam.

“It really IS pretty nice,” said Barabas.

Elizabeth said “You must go to the Craft Hall! There are lots of fun crafts there. Look at the necklace I made!”

Barabas said “My favorite is the swimming pool. I can’t dive yet, but I think I might try it when I go to Family Camp with Uncle Floyd in a few weeks.”

“And the food is really good. Just like Mom makes! The peanut butter pie is the best!”

And the songs are the fun. But even more than the food and the crafts and the songs and the Bible Study, what makes camp fun, even if it rains, are the counselors. They are just like disciples. I don’t know if Marianne, the Camp Director would agree with me, but Barabas and

Elizabeth sure think so! They teach us about God and they shelter us from the rain and they take us on overnight sleep-outs in the Tree House. They comfort us if we cry because we were a little bit homesick. The counselors are great.

I think that, in a way, Camp Nawakwa is a bit like heaven. It is a place apart from the rest of the world. It is a place that is beautiful with a big blue pool of water and paths into deep dark woods for hiking. It is a place with sun drenched hill tops. It is a place where God is worshiped every day.

I think that I might change the words just a little in the reading from Isaiah today to be about Camp Nawakwa. It would go like this:

REJOICE WITH CAMP NAWAKWA AND BE GLAD FOR HER, ALL YOU WHO LOVE HER. YOU SHALL BE COMFORTED AT CAMP IF YOU ARE HOMESICK. YOU SHALL SING SILLY CAMP SONGS AND YOUR HEART SHALL REJOICE. YOUR BODIES SHALL FLOURISH AT THE DINING HALL. IT SHALL BE KNOWN THAT THE HAND OF THE LORD IS WITH THE COUNSELORS AND THE CAMP DIRECTOR.

Sam is a bit nervous about going to camp for the first time, but if it is the next best thing to heaven, then I'm sure he will have a wonderful experience! THE END