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I Corinthians 2:9, **“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.”**

On several occasions, there are companion scriptures in the Old Testament writings which coincide with a major emphasis in the New Testament. The prophet Isaiah, by the revelation of the Spirit, was shown not only Christ, but also the wonderful blessings in store for God’s people in the gospel age and in Heaven/Paradise. Notice Isaiah 64:4, **For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.”** While I rejoice at the blessings we receive on this earth, I have a hope of a “better country” where there will be no more tears, no more sickness, no more sin, and no more death. The Apostle Paul alludes to the same premise in speaking of Abraham.

Naturally, the Jews desired a better place than where they were, even their own homeland. In context, we now seek a better place than this sin cursed world we live in. Paul, in Hebrews 11:16, relates our hope of being with the Lord, **“But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.”** The Lord prepared a place for us in glory and we all long for that time. We may not be rushing our departure from this earth, but we still look forward to a better country (Paradise) where we will forever be with the Lord to sing praises to His wondrous name. *Think about it!*