

## Better is one day in your courts, than a thousand elsewhere.

在你院宇一日，勝似別處千日

Joshua 9

### Introduction

Elysium (a movie) Vs. New Jerusalem/新耶路撒冷  
(Rev 21:2, 16)

Similarity/相同處:

1. The place that everyone wants to go./是每一個人都嚮往去的地方.
2. There is complete healing up there. /在那裏有完全的醫治.  
(Rev 22:1-2)
3. Administration center of the earth./管理地球的行政中心.

Difference/不同處:

1. The abode of victorious Christians/不是有錢的人才能夠去的地方, 乃是得勝的基督徒才能夠去的地方.
2. Residents are with resurrected bodies./乃是有復活的身體的人才能夠去的地方.
3. No sin there, good management of earth./在新聖城裡面是沒有罪的人所在的地方. 他們對地球的管理是合乎主耶穌心意的.  
(Isa 11:1-9)  
(Isa 65:20)

Today's message is the starting point of New Heavens and New Earth./今天的消息是所有將來新天新地的起點.

A few questions that we need to answer:

**I. Does God give us a second chance?/神給我們第二次機會嗎?**

**II. Is the second chance always a smooth one?第二次機會常常是容易的嗎?**

A. Canaanite Woman/迦南婦人  
(Matt 15:21-28)

B. Gibeonites/基遍人:

1. Have no kings/沒有王(Josh 9:11).
2. Came to the God of Israel (Josh 9:9-10, 24, 19-20)

**III. A true conversion will bring a true change./一個真正的得救，會帶來真正的改變.**

wood cutter and water carrier/劈柴挑水的人

(1). Faithfully kept covenant with the Lord./基遍人忠心遵守與耶和華的約.

(2). Knowing how to take care of the ark in Kiriath Jearim/基列耶琳(基遍人四所城邑其中的一所)成為約櫃暫住的地方. (1Sam 6:21-7:1).

(3). Gibeonites participated in rebuilding the temple and city wall./基遍人參與被擄歸回時候，聖殿，以及耶路撒冷城牆的重建工作.  
(Neh 7:25, 29; Ezra 2:25)  
(Neh 7:61).

(4). Faith comparable with Rahab/與喇合相同的信心

### Conclusion/結論

(Ps 84:10)

Reflections/回響

1. Our technology makes the New Heaven & New Earth as portrayed in Revelation more understandable, are you ready for the coming of God's kingdom? What is the one area that you need improvement?我們的科技使得我們對於啟示錄所提到的新天新地更加的容易了解, 你是否預備好迎接神的國度? 有哪一個地方需要加強?
2. How could Gibeonites remain faithful to God for more than 900 years? What is the inspiration to me?/基遍人為什麼能夠保持 900 年來對神忠心? 你覺得秘訣在哪裡? 我如何可以得到這秘訣?