

Our Bible reading for today – **Revelation 21**

## **“Make it all better”**

Every Mommy has times when she wishes she could “make it all better.” Sometimes the problems their precious child has are way out of the range of a skinned knee or not getting to play with a favorite toy. An experience can really be psychologically damaging. A sickness or injury can be life threatening or even fatal. Though we’d like to fix things with a band-aid, antiseptic or kiss, sometimes we can’t. At those times parents have learned the value of prayer.

Through God’s work of grace in people’s lives He is redeeming people. His redemption includes making them his children, forgiving all sin and granting eternal life. In the process He changes lives. He delivers people from habits and addictions which harm us. He heals bodies, lives and relationships. There are no absolute guarantees in the specifics of how He works in our lives, partly because so much of what He does depends on our willingness and other people’s free-will behavior. But, in contrast to our human inability, God can “make it all better.”

**But some day . . .! Eternity is coming!** Peter talked about a new heaven and a new earth. Later in Revelation 21:5 John quoted God as saying, **“I am making everything new.”** We don’t know all the wonderful positive things, in the fabulous description there of “the Holy City, Jerusalem.” But I especially like the negatives. In the final chapters of Revelation there is a series of what Bible students call the “*no-mores.*” Here are some of them:

**“No more sorrow”** (21:4)

**“No more crying”** (21:4)

**“No more pain”** (21:4)

**“No more curse”** (22:3)

**“No more night”** (22:5)

**“No more death”** (21:4)

Years ago I stood alone at my mother’s bedside in ICU. I saw the heart monitor go flat and heard it begin to sound its warning howl. In my tears I just said, **“Oh, Mother!”** No sooner had I expressed that when I saw tears flow down both her cheeks from her closed eyes. Immediately my mind went to Revelation 21:4, **“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”**

*“Sometimes the day seems long, our trials hard to bear.*

*We’re tempted to complain, to murmur and despair.*

*But Christ will soon appear to catch his bride away!*

*All tears forever over in God’s eternal day!*

*It will be worth it all when we see Jesus!*

*Life’s trials will seem so small when we see Christ.”*

*One glimpse of his dear face, all sorrow will erase.*

*So, bravely run the race, till we see Christ. (Elizabeth Kerr Rushthoi)*

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