

Tuesday Evening, June 14 - Andrea O'Shields
"BLESSINGS"

This is not our home! It's been said that if God's people would pray for the lost like they do for the sick to be healed, the world would be much better off. The truth is that we **do** hold onto this life, but it's really out of ignorance, isn't it? God's Word, though, provides much insight into our eternal home. In Revelation 21, the Apostle John writes about the New Jerusalem: *It shown with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. I did not see a temple in the city because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.* Laura Story's "Blessings" tells us that the "trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise". Her lyrics provide real life examples that we have all experienced; however, have we claimed these hard times as blessings? This just may be the essence of God's message to us – that we have trouble in this world, a whole lot of trouble; however, we are just passing through on our way to our real home if we belong to Christ. Take time now to read Revelation 21 and then thank God for our eternal home with Him. Jot a few thoughts or questions about heaven and then read Revelation 22.