

Adam's Midnight Flight to Heaven

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Adam ran to his daddy, gave him a big hug and a goodnight kiss, then he followed his momma to his bed and knelt beside her on the floor. Are you ready to say your prayers, Adam? asked his momma. Yes, ma'am, he replied, dutifully.

As he bowed his head and folded his hands, Adam recited the bedtime prayer his mother had taught him: "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to keep. And if I die before I wake, I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to take."

Adam's momma gave him a big hug and a kiss on the forehead as she tucked him into his bed. "Now you go to sleep, Adam, we're going to the zoo tomorrow and you will want to be rested so you can enjoy the day."

Adam closed his eyes, and drifted off to sleep, still thinking about the words of his prayer, "and if I die before I wake, I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to take." What exactly did that mean anyway?

"It might be easier to show you than to tell you." Adam heard the words, and looked to see who was speaking. Standing in the middle of his room, there was a big man¹ dressed in a white shirt and pants. It was easy to see him, even in the darkness because he sort of glowed². Who are you? Adam asked. "I am Raphael, your guardian angel", the big man replied. "I was assigned to watch over you³ even before you were born." Adam thought the man looked like some of the soldiers⁴ he had seen on TV, other than the white clothes⁵ and strange glow.

As Adam watched wide eyed, Raphael put his fingers to his mouth and let out a shrill whistle. In moments, the walls of his room seemed to disappear and two white horses⁶ pulled a gold chariot⁷ in front of his bed. Raphael stepped into the chariot, looked at Adam and said, "Are you ready?" Adam wasn't sure if he was or not! The horses and chariot looked like they were on fire⁸, but

when he stretched out his hand toward them, it didn't feel hot. Adam had never been on a chariot before, but he had seen them in movies and thought they looked like fun. Cautiously, he climbed out of his bed and walked over to the back of the chariot. It still didn't feel hot, so he took Raphael's outstretched hand and stepped up into the back of the chariot. "Hold on!" Raphael grinned as he picked up the reins. The firey white horses reared, pawing the air, then with a giant leap they were in the dark night sky. Adam felt like he was in an elevator, but he gripped the chariot tightly, watching the stars coming toward him, faster and faster, until they looked like lines instead of dots⁹.

Soon Adam saw an opening, like a door¹⁰, ahead of them in the sky. It felt funny when they flew through the door¹¹, but he looked at Raphael, and Raphael smiled, saying, "Now you will see..."

All of a sudden, the chariot stopped at the bottom of a long grassy hill¹². Raphael took Adam's hand and they stepped out of the chariot. Adam watched in amazement as the firey white horses pulled the golden chariot away and disappeared. When Adam began to look around he realized he had never seen a grassy hill like this one. The grass was so green it nearly hurt his eyes to look at it. And it was so soft under his bare feet! As Raphael led him up the long hill, Adam looked at the flowers growing all in the grass. He couldn't take a step without stepping on beautiful little flowers – but it didn't seem to hurt the flowers when he did step on them. They just sprang back up, even seeming to smile at him. Adam began to hear music – music like he had never heard before. The music made him feel like his heart was singing, too. Suddenly, he realized the flowers were singing¹³! Motion caught his eye and he looked up from the flowers to see trees dancing and clapping their hands¹⁴ in time to the music! "Raphael!" Adam exclaimed, "The trees are dancing and the flowers are singing!" "Yes, Adam", Raphael replied, "Everything here praises the Creator¹⁵."

Finally, Adam raised his eyes from the flowers and trees to look before him – only to be surprised again! A giant wall¹⁶ stretched as far as he could see on either side. The wall was varying shades of red, orange and brown. Below the wall he counted twelve layers of different colored stones. Layers of dark red stones, dark blue stones, light blue stones, dark green stones, pink stones, orange stones, blue-green stones, light green stones, clear blue stones, another layer of green stones, another layer of orange stones, then beautiful purple stones. Adam saw that each of the layers of colored stones had a different name carved in it – he read: Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bart something, Thomas, Matthew, James, Lebbaeus, Simon, and Matthias. “Raphael, what are those names carved in the rocks?” Adam asked. Looking at Adam, Raphael explained with a smile, “Those are the names of the faithful disciples of the Lamb.” Adam still didn’t understand. “Who is the Lamb?” Raphael grinning, said, “The One you were praying to when you said, ‘If I die before I wake, I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to take.’ You usually call Him Jesus, or Y’shua – He is the Lamb. Soon you will see for yourself, then you will know. He is the King of all Kings and He it is that has commanded me to bring you to Him.”

Adam had never met a real King before! He didn’t know whether to be excited or scared. He looked up and up, above the wall he could see a gold colored building rising higher than he could see. It reminded him a little of some of the castles he had seen in fairy tale books, but ever so much taller and wider. Why, even straining his eyes, he couldn’t see either side or the top of this golden building! The whole city was shiny and glowed with a soft light¹⁷, just like Raphael glowed.

As he followed Raphael up the straight path to a gate in the city wall, Adam stared at the man guarding the gate. He looked a lot like Raphael, Adam decided, except his hair and eyes were darker.

He was wearing glowing white clothes, too, but more like a robe than shirt and pants. Just before they passed through, Adam saw the name Naphtali carved above the gate. He was going to ask Raphael what that name meant, but the sight of the golden city left him speechless for a time. Raphael stopped while Adam stared with his mouth open. Raphael was also enjoying the sight and sounds of the city.

Here the music was stronger, it seemed to Adam that it even flowed through him. Adam forgot to ask about the name above the gate, as Raphael led him along a street of the city. Adam saw so many golden buildings, each one different, that he just couldn't stop looking. It seemed he could even see through the walls of the buildings! Everywhere he looked were joyful, laughing, happy people dressed in glowing white robes¹⁸. Many smiled and waved at him.

When Adam nearly stumbled, he looked down and then jumped back! The street he was standing on was gold, too, but it looked like ginger ale to Adam – kind of clear and bubbly. Looking at it, he felt like he would fall through it¹⁹! So many things here were so different from anything he had ever seen before! He soon got over the shock of walking on what looked like ginger ale, and began to look at the buildings and people again. Raphael continued to lead Adam down the street until they reached a gigantic door.

As they approached, the door was opened by two doorkeepers who smiled happily²⁰ at Adam. There was a bright light²¹ coming from inside the door – a light so bright it made everything else look dark by comparison. Raphael picked Adam up and sat him on his shoulder so he could see. There were many people inside this gigantic area. Everyone was singing and looking toward the bright light. Some people were dancing and others were waving branches²² in their hands. Far away, where the light was the brightest, Adam saw what looked like a golden throne raised up

with a green rainbow and seven fires²³ around it. The bright light was coming from the One who sat on the throne! There were four strange looking creatures²⁴ around the throne. Even from so far away, Adam could see that they had six wings and different faces on each of four sides. Adam counted twenty-four small thrones spaced out in a circle around the high, lifted up throne. An ordinary looking man sat on each of the small thrones. Adam knew these men must be kings as each one wore a golden crown. He could hear the strange looking creatures singing to the One who sat on the high, lifted up throne, then he saw all the kings²⁵ stand up at once, take the golden crowns from their heads and toss them under the high, lifted up throne, and bow down while they sang another song to the King of Kings who sat on the throne.

As Adam watched, he saw the bright Light rise and then come toward him. Raphael stood Adam on the floor and stepped behind him. Raphael assured Adam, “It’s okay – you will see!” The crowd of people parted before Adam, and he saw the bright Light coming closer and closer toward him. The Light was so bright, Adam couldn’t look directly at it for more than a second or two. As the Light got nearer, Adam begin to feel the most wonderful feeling he had ever felt. It was like when his parents hugged him and he knew they really loved him, but this was even stronger. It was like he was on the beach and the waves²⁶ of the ocean were washing against him. Each wave was stronger love coming to Adam from the Light. As the Light reached Adam, suddenly he knew – This was Jesus! This was the Lord that he said his prayers to! This is the one Raphael was telling him about! Adam fell down, unable to stand while feeling the full force of the Love coming from Jesus.

Oh, so tenderly, Jesus reached down and picked Adam up from the floor. Adam wasn’t a baby, but he really liked it when Jesus held him! Adam could feel Love from Jesus like nothing he had

ever felt before. It was wonderful! Jesus lifted Adam's chin and looked him full in the face. "I love you, Adam!" He said. Adam's chin quivered as he replied, "I love you, too, Jesus!" and he meant it with all of his little boy heart! Jesus tenderly asked Adam, "Now do you know what your prayer means when you ask Me to take your soul, if you die before you wake? It means that you are asking Me to bring you here to live with Me in My city when your job on earth is done. It is my good pleasure, Adam, to bring you back here one day. I love you more than you will ever know!"

Adam wrapped his little arms around Jesus' neck and fell fast asleep, fully trusting that Jesus would take care of him, just as He promised²⁷.

When Adam opened his eyes again, he was in his own bed, in his own home, and the sunlight was coming through the window. "Wake up, sleepyhead!" Adam's mom said as she popped her head through his door.

Adam laid in bed a few minutes, still feeling the Love of Jesus. Was it a dream, he wondered, or was it real? Either way, he knew that Jesus really did love him!²⁸²⁹

¹ At least some angels look like people, see Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

² Being in the presence of God can create a glow on people, see Exodus 34:30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. Also, a guest (Fayteen) on the Extreme Prophetic site, when interviewed by Patricia King said that before she knew the LORD that they used to call Christians the glow worm people.

³ Children have guardian angels, see Matthew 18:10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

⁴ Some angels may look like soldiers, consider 2Kings 19:35 And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

⁵ At least some angels wear white clothing, see Acts 1:10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

⁶ On heavenly horses being white, see Revelation 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

⁷ For one example of a gold chariot see 1Chronicles 28:18 And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims, that spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

⁸ Concerning chariots of fire, see 2Kings 2:11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind

into heaven., and see 2Kings 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

⁹ I imagine flying through the night sky like “warp speed” on Star Trek. Various people have had visions of being taken up into the night sky.

¹⁰ On doors in heaven, see Revelation 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.

¹¹ On the “Finger of God” video done by Darren Wilson, a couple of people talked about a “shift” when going into the supernatural realm.

¹² R. L. Montgomery told me about a near death experience he and others have had about being at the bottom of a long, grassy hill.

¹³ Henry Gruver in “Six Hours in Heaven” talks about singing flowers. His audio tracks are available free here: http://www.freecdtracts.com/testimony_5.htm

¹⁴ On trees clapping their hands, see Isaiah 55:12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. (I figure since they are clapping they are probably dancing, too.)

¹⁵ Everything is to praise God! See Psalms 98:4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

¹⁶ For a detailed description of the New Jerusalem, see Revelation 21:10-21 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

¹⁷ See Revelation 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

¹⁸ Heavenly residents wear white robes, see: Revelation 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

¹⁹ Henry Gruver also experienced the transparent golden streets, and was startled by them. See previous footnote on his audio, “Six Hours in Heaven”

²⁰ PSALMS 84:10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

²¹ Revelation 1:16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

²² On waving branches and rejoicing see Leviticus 23:40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.

²³ Revelation 4:2-5 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. And out of

the throne proceeded lightnings and thunders and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

²⁴ Revelation 4: 6-8 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him ; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

²⁵ Revelation 4: 9-11 And when those beasts give glory and honor and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth forever and ever, The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

²⁶ Inspired by Keith Miller's song "Waves of Love" on the album "Atmosphere of Heaven" available at: <http://www.sfwm.org/newhome/index.cfm?page=prayerCD>

²⁷ Matthew 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

²⁸ John 15:9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

²⁹ John 3:16-18 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

A Note to Parents – Encourage your children to develop a godly imagination, thinking often about God, His goodness and mercy and His kingdom. I really think this is a good exercise for all of us! I received much inspiration from Patricia King in her "Glory School" teaching available from her website at www.extremeprophetic.com and "Spiritual Mapping – The Throne Zone" available at: http://www.elijahlist.com/downloadstore/messages/p_king.html . May God bless you each richly!