

v. 9-- In this case "wait for" means to bind or gather together, and "glorify" means to make clear. All the people can come together to the Lord and give everything they have to Him because He has made Himself clear to us--The Holy Spirit reveals Him to us.

v. 10-- Even though we haven't met many of God's people throughout the world, we are all working together to build the walls of the New Jerusalem--the foundation is being re-made--It was broken when Adam sinned, so the city is hanging with no foundation or connection to earth because of the broken communication between God and Man. Now we are re-building it through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Everywhere a Believer walks is the Streets of New Jerusalem.

v. 11-- So our hearts shall be always open to bring more to know Christ and join the work of the Lord.

v. 12-- Those who don't give themselves to the Lord and trust in the Salvation of Jesus and victory and fellowship in Him in their lives, will perish because of unbelief.

v. 13-- The word for "pine" means a species of hardwood, for "fir" is a totally different type of wood used for making musical instruments, and "glorious" means heavy with a good thing. He is saying that He uses us all, with our varying personalities and characteristics--He uses some of us where we are, as the mention of the trees, and some He makes us into, or asks us to change our lives, as in making "boxes". Either way, as we yield to His workings in our lives, He will make us into what we must be to do the plan He has for our lives, and to beautify the earth with His Word and Presence in us, and make the Place of His Feet (the earth) heavily laden and chuck-full of His Presence and glory. (glorious)

v. 14-15-- Then the world will know that God's people are no fools and that we have Jesus in us. They will repent and want to turn to Jesus also.

v. 16-- Jesus will, through the Holy Spirit, rule the earth through His people. We will gain nourishment from each other as we share His Word.

v. 17-- From the Lord we get so much more--Everything we give Him, He gives us something much better. (brass--gold, etc.) We have made an exchange with Jesus' life--His for ours, and that is certainly and uneven exchange!!

v. 18--We are the City of Jersalem. We have no more "wasting or destruction" in us with Christ. Our walls are the impenetrable salvation of Jesus and He enters through our praise!!

v. 19-20-- We look to God for our light and not to the things of this world. Those things change and deteriorate and what we thought of as light disappears and is not constant, but God's light is steady and everlasting.