

Q&A Heaven

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Introduction

1. Heaven is the place which God has made to bless mankind. We will not understand some details about heaven in this life. Heaven would hardly be heaven if we could define it. With that in mind many of our questions will go unanswered until we get there ourselves.

I. What is heaven? (Follow up from last week's lesson)

- a. Dwelling place of God (Lamentations 3:41; 1 John 5:7).
- b. The place where the righteous spend eternity (Matthew 25:39). It is our reward (Matthew 5:12) and inheritance (1 Peter 1:3-5; Ephesians 1:18; Matthew 25:34).
- c. It is a prepared place (John 14:2).
- d. It is where the Angels live and our treasures are stored (Matthew 22:30; 6:19-21).

II. Will we know each other in heaven? If so, how?

- a. Yes, we will know each other! (Genesis 25:8; 35:29; 49:19,33; Deuteronomy 32:50). This was David's hope in 2 Samuel 12:23 that he will see his child after this life.
- b. 1 Thessalonians 4 was written so that Christians would know that their loved ones were with the Lord and one day they will be reunited together in heaven!
- c. How? Bible doesn't tell us. Maybe perfect knowledge?

III. What will we look like in heaven?

- a. 1 John 3:2 John says he doesn't know and neither can we. (See 1 Corinthians 15:35-49)

IV. Will we eat in heaven?

- a. It is possible. Revelation 22:1-2 talks about the tree of life in our new home. Like Adam and Eve will we eat from this tree? Revelation 19:9 says there will be a marriage supper and in Matthew 22's parable our invitation to the marriage feast is discussed.
- b. In Matthew 8:11 many will be in heaven reclining that the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Does this imply eating a meal together?

V. Will you know what is going on the earth and will we be cheering them on from heaven?

- a. The bible simply does not say if we do or do not know what is happening on the earth after death. It looks like we don't but that does not mean we won't be cheering them on and celebrating their arrival in heaven. It is possible but not likely.

VI. Is it true that we can't bring anything with us to heaven?

- a. No, there is one thing that will follow all of us to heaven. It is our deeds done in Christ according to Revelation 14:13.

VII. What will we be doing in heaven?

- a. Worship/Praising (Revelation 4:10-11; 7:11-12; 15:2-4)
- b. Serving (Revelation 22:3). What kind of service? No one knows.
- c. Reigning with Jesus (2 Timothy 2:11-12; Revelation 2:26-27; 3:21; 20:6).
- d. Resting from earthly labors (2 Thessalonians 1:5-7; Hebrews 4:3,9; 14:13).

VIII. Will there be degrees of reward and punishment in heaven and hell?

- a. Yes, 2 Peter 2:20 says that Christians who depart from the truth are in worse condition than before they were lost. Matthew 11:22 what about these cities?
- b. What about the rewards? Possibly, see Daniel 12:3 and 1 Corinthians 3:14-15.

IX. What will heaven be like?

- a. A place of rest, with no tears, no pain, along with sweet reunion, and life eternal! "Heaven will surely be worth it all."