

X. Ministry Series--Heaven

1. Know at least two references (and a short description) where scripture talks about heaven.

- a. Jesus' story about the poor man Lazarus who was taken to Abraham's bosom, Luke 16:20-22
- b. Jesus' promise to the thief on the cross that he would be with Him in Paradise, Luke 23:43;
- c. Paul's experience of being taken to Paradise, 2 Cor. 12:2-4
- d. The promise in Revelation that overcomers will eat from the tree of life, which is in Paradise, Rev. 2:7
- e. Jesus' statement that children's angels always see the face of His Father in heaven, Matthew 18:10.
- f. The description of the heavenly Jerusalem, Heb. 12:22-24
- g. The promise of a new heaven, and a new earth, 2 Peter 3:10-13
- h. The description in Revelation of the New Jerusalem, Rev. 21:1-2, 9-14

2. Know two scriptures (and their references) which tell how to get to heaven.

- a. John 14:6 *Jesus said... "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*
- b. Acts 4:12 *Nor is there salvation in any other [other than Jesus Christ], for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*
- c. Romans 10:9 *that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*
- d. Ephesians 2:8-9 *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast*
- e. John 1:12 *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.*

3. What happens when you ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart and be your Lord and Savior? (Know both of these, plus one reference for each)

- a. Jesus Christ washes you, sanctifies you and justifies you, 1 Cor. 6:11
- b. Your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life, Luke 10:20; Phil. 4:3; Is. 4:3; Rev. 3:5; 20:15; 21:27

4. What does scripture say about hell? (Know at least four parts, references opt.)

- a. The unrighteous will not inherit the Kingdom of God, 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 21:7-8; 22:14-15
- b. They are cast into the outer darkness, Matt. 8:12; 22:13; 25:30; 2 Peter 2:17; Jude 1:12-13
- c. Into hell, Matt. 5:29-30; Mark 9:43-48; Ps. 9:17
- d. To be burned, Mark 9:43-48; Mal. 4:1; Ps. 11:6
- e. In the lake of fire, Rev. 20:15; 21:8
- f. Where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, Matt. 8:12; Matt. 13:40-42, 49-50; 24:50-51; 25:30; Luke 13:28
- g. They are covered with worms which never die, Mark 9:44-48; Is. 66:24
- h. They are burned with fire that will never be quenched, Matt. 18:8; 3:12; Mark 9:44
- i. Their torment is everlasting, Luke 16:24; Is. 66:24; Rev. 14:10-11; Rev. 20:10

5. What is Heaven's spiritual atmosphere like? (Know at least four of these, references optional)

- a. The Presence of God is everywhere, Rev. 21:3; Ezek. 34:22-24
- b. There is no more death, sorrow, crying or pain, Rev. 7:17; 20:14; 21:4; Is. 25:8; 30:19; Hos. 13:14; 1 Cor. 15:54-55
- c. Nothing can enter Heaven that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, Rev. 21:27
- d. On earth we are under a curse, Gen. 3:14-19; Rom. 8:20-22. But in heaven, there is no more curse, Rev. 22:3
- e. In heaven there is peace, Is. 32:17-18; Ezekiel 34:25-31
- f. In heaven, there is abundance, Is. 60:5; Ezek. 34:29; Rev. 7:16-17
- g. In heaven God makes all things new, Rev. 21:5

6. What will we be like in heaven? (Know both of these, references optional)

- a. We will have new, perfect bodies, 1 Cor. 15:42-44, 51-55
- b. We will be like Jesus, 1 Cor. 15:48-49; Rom. 8:28-29; Heb. 12:10; 1 John 3:1-3; 4:17; Ps. 17:15

7. What is Heaven's structure like? (Know all three)

There are at least three levels: Paradise (Abraham's bosom); The Holy City; and the Throne of God above all.

8. What will we see in Paradise? (Know at least four of these, references optional)

- a. Holy men and women of God who have gone before us--Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all the prophets, Luke 13:28; Matt. 8:11
- b. Ultimately, people from every tribe, tongue, and nation, Is. 2:2; 11:10; 55:5; 60:4-5; Ps. 22:27-28; Rev. 5:9; 7:9
- c. Angels, Heb. 12:22-24; Matt. 18:10
- d. The River of Life, Rev. 22:1; Ezek. 47:1-12
- e. Flowers, vegetation
 - No longer subject to corruption, Rom. 8:21
 - Trees for the healing of the nations, Rev. 22:2, 14; Ezek. 47:7, 12; Gen. 2:9; 3:22
- f. Animals
 - Horses, Rev. 19:14
 - Other animals, Is. 11:6-8; (this is not an exhaustive list); Hos. 2:18; also compare Gen. 2:8-9, 19-20

9. What is the Holy City like? (Be able to describe at least four things)

- a. The Holy City is adorned like a bride, Rev. 21:2
- b. The city's dimensions--length, breadth and height—are all the same. It forms a perfect cube. Rev. 21:16
- c. The high square wall around the city is made out of jasper, Rev. 21:18.
- d. The high wall has 12 foundations, on each of which is inscribed the name of one of twelve apostles, Rev. 21:14.
- e. These foundations are adorned with jewels, a different jewel for each foundation, Rev. 21:19-20
- f. Each wall has three gates, each of which is made out of a single pearl, Rev. 21:12-13, 21, 25.

- g. Each gate is guarded by an angel, Rev. 21:12.
- h. Each gate has the name of one of the tribes of Israel written on it, Rev. 21:12.
- i. Three gates face east, three north, three south, and three west, Rev. 21:13.
- j. The city itself is made of pure gold like clear glass, Rev. 21:18
- k. The streets of the city are made of gold, like transparent glass, Rev. 21:21
- l. The city is filled with light, Rev. 21:11.
- m. The Lamb of God is its light, Rev. 21:23.
- n. There is no darkness, it is never night. Rev. 21:25; 22:5

10. What is the third level of heaven? (Know all of this, and at least one reference)
 God on His throne, high above everything, Rev. 4:2; 21:5, 22; Isaiah 6:1; Ezek. 1:26

11. What will we do in heaven? (Know all four, references optional)

- a. We will worship Him, Ps. 22:27-28; Rev. 7:9-17; 19:5-6
- b. We will be His servants, Rev. 22:3
- c. We will be taught by the Lord, Is. 2:3
- d. We will enjoy all the good things God has reserved for us, Col. 1:5; 1 Peter 1:3-4

12. How many judgments are there? What are they?

- a. There are two judgments.
- b. In the judgment between the living and the dead, God judges between those who are made righteous by the blood of Jesus Christ, and those who have done evil and rejected Him, Rev. 20:11-15; Matt. 25:31-46; John 5:24-29; Romans 2:5-11; Daniel 12:2; Ps. 96:13; 62:12
- c. In another judgment, God judges those who are His--the saints--to reward them according to what they have done while living on earth, Rom. 14:10, 12; 2 Cor. 5:9-10. We are rewarded according to the way we live!

13. Are all punishments or rewards the same?

- No. There are degrees of punishment, and there are different rewards.
 --Different degrees of punishment, Luke 10:13-15; 12:42-48
 --Different rewards, Matt. 10:41-42

Degrees of reward:

- Ps. 18:20-24 *The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands....*
- Rev. 22:12 *And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.*
- Heb. 11:35 *...Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.*
- Matt. 16:27 *For the Son of man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.*
- 1 Cor. 3:8 *Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.*

See also 1 Cor. 3:10-15; Eph. 6:5-8

14. What are some specific rewards? (Know at least five of these)

- a. The right to eat of the Tree of Life, Rev. 22:14
- b. The right to be able to enter through the gates, Rev. 22:14; 2 Peter 1:10-11
>>Notice that not everyone can enter the city!
- c. Clothing—a garment of salvation, and for those who lived for Him, a robe of righteousness:
Clothing:
 - Rev. 3:5 *"He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments...."*
 - Eph. 5:27 *that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish."*
 - Song of Sol. 4:7 *"You are all fair, my love, and there is no spot in you."*
 - Rev. 19:8 *"And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints."*
 - Rev. 19:14 *"And the armies of heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses."*
 - Is. 61:10 *"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness."*
 - Ps. 132:9 *"Let your priests be clothed with righteousness...."*
 - Job 29:14 *"I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban."*
- d. Crowns, 1 Cor. 9:25
 - Crown of Righteousness, 2 Tim. 4:8
Condition: Given to all those who have loved His appearing
 - Crown of Life, James 1:12
Condition: Given to those who love Him, who have endured temptation and been approved
 - Crown of Glory, 1 Peter 5:4
Condition: Given to elders who have shepherded the flock well
- e. Jewelry, Prov. 1:8-9; SS 1:9-11; Ezek. 16:9-14 (done both figuratively and literally for Israel at one time, but judgment took this away, Is. 3:16-25)
- f. Houses and lands, Matt. 19:29; Mark 10:29-30; Luke 18:29-30;
>>>The principle: 2 Chron. 25:9
- g. Authority, Matt. 24:45-47;25:14-23; Luke 12:42-44; Rev. 3:21; 21:7
- h. Glory, Rom. 2:6-7; Col. 3:4; 1 Peter 1:3-7; 4:12-19; Rev. 21:24, 26;
1 Cor. 15:35-49, 58
- i. They will shine, Dan. 12:3; Matt. 13:43
Condition: be wise; turn many to righteousness

- j. The salvation of those who hear us, 1 Tim. 4:16
- k. The sanctification and salvation of our families, 1 Cor. 7:14; Acts 16:31
- l. He will say: "Well done My good and faithful servant," Heb.13:20-21; Matt. 25:23
- m. We shall see His face, Rev. 22:4; Matt. 5:8; Ps. 17:15
- n. We shall know Him, Hosea 2:19-20; Jer. 31:33-34
- o. We shall be like Him, 1 John 3:2; 4:17; Ps. 17:15; Rom. 8:28-29

He who overcomes shall inherit all things, " Revelation 21:7