

What's Heaven Really Like?

Message #1

Series

HEAVEN: YOU WERE MADE FOR THIS

A Biblical Study of What Heaven is Really All About

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no sea. Rev. 21:1 NKJV

What Heaven is NOT

1. It's NOT _____

Heaven is not _____!

2. Heaven is NOT like _____

*Nearly every Christian I have spoken with has some idea that eternity is an unending church service...We have settled on an image of the never-ending sing-along in the sky, one great hymn after another, forever and ever, amen. And our heart sinks. "Forever and ever? That's it? That's the good news?" And then we sigh and feel guilty that we are not more 'spiritual.' We lose heart, and we turn once more to the present to find what life we can. John Eldridge, *Journey of Desire* (p. 111)*

3. Heaven is NOT a disembodied, _____ existence

2 In My Father's house are many mansions (dwelling places); if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. John 14:2,3 NKJV

4. Heaven is NOT beyond our _____

9 But as it is written:

*“ Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”*

10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 1 Corinthians 2:9,10 NKJV

Why do we know so little about Heaven?

1. Heaven has been neglected by _____

2. The work of _____

*6 Then he (Satan) opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.
Revelation 13:6 NKJV*

The 3 Things Satan Blasphemes:

- 1) God's _____
- 2) God's _____

3) God's _____

3. We are so entangled in the _____

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1 NKJV

A Bird's-Eye View of Heaven

*11 You will show me the path of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy;
At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11 NKJV*

10 for he (Abraham) waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Hebrews 11:10 NKJV

16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them. Hebrews 11:16 NKJV

Heaven has a _____

Heaven is a _____

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In Heaven we have _____ bodies

There are also celestial (heavenly) bodies and terrestrial (earthly) bodies; but the glory (substance or essence) of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. 1 Corinthians 15:40 NKJV

In Heaven we will _____ but we will _____

And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. Revelation 22:3 NKJV

“...that they (those in Heaven) may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.” Revelation 14:13c NKJV

In Heaven we will finally be _____

What we truly long for is to be with the _____ we were made for, in the _____ we were made to be. The Person is _____; the Place is _____