

A Place Called Heaven (John 14:1-3)

II Corinthians 12:2-4, "2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) 4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter."

I. HEAVEN IS A REAL PLACE (II CORINTHIANS 12:2-4)

A. HEAVEN IS TO THE NORTH.

Isaiah 14:13-14, "13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High."

Leviticus 1:11, "And he shall kill it on the side of the altar northward before the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle his blood round about upon the altar."

Psalms 75:6-7, "6 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. 7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another."

B. THERE ARE THREE HEAVENS

"The first we see by day, the second we see by night and the third we see by faith." - unknown

II. THE SAVED GO TO HEAVEN IMMEDIATELY UPON DEATH. (II CORINTHIANS 5:6-8)

III. WE WILL KNOW OUR LOVED ONES WHEN WE GET THERE. (I CORINTHIANS 13:12)

I Thessalonians 4:16-17, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."
Genesis 25:8, "Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people."

Matthew 8:11, "And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven."

IV. THERE WILL BE JOYFUL ACTIVITY IN HEAVEN.

Revelation 7:13-15, "13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them."

V. HEAVEN IS GOING TO BE A PLACE OF ABSOLUTE PERFECTION.

Philippians 1:21-23, "21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. 23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:"

"Heaven is all that the all-loving heart of the Father would desire. Heaven is all that the incredible mind of God can conceive. And Heaven is all that the all-mighty hand of God can create. Put God's heart, God's mind and God's power all together and that's Heaven." – Adrian Rogers

I Corinthians 2:9, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

VI. JESUS WILL BE THE CROWNING GLORY OF HEAVEN.

VII. ONLY THE REDEEMED ARE GOING TO HEAVEN.

Revelation 21:27, "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."