

## What Jesus Said About Heaven

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- Two Important Facts:
  - Jesus said more about hell than did any other preacher in the Bible. cf. Mark 9:45-48
  - But Jesus said a lot more about heaven than He did about hell!

### Jesus Came Down From Heaven

- The place from whence He came was heaven! John 6:33,38,41-42,50-51,58.
- When Jesus left this world He returned to heaven. Mark 16:16-19; Acts 1:9-11.
- Observe: If Jesus came “down from heaven” in coming to the earth, and was “received up into heaven” when He returned, then heaven is “Up,” instead of “down.”

### Heaven is Where Jesus Is!

- Seated on right hand of God, Mark 16:19; I Peter 3:22; Hebrews 8:1.
- Serving as our High Priest, Hebrews 8:1; 4:14-15. Note verse 16.
- Makes Intercession for us, Hebrews 7:25.
- Serves as our mediator, I Timothy 2:5.
- Our Advocate with the Father, I John 2:1

### Heaven is Where God Is!

- “Father in heaven,” Matthew 5:16,45,48; Matthew 6:1,9; 7:11,21, etc.
- Heaven is:
  - God’s Throne, Matthew 5:34; Isaiah 66:1.
  - Earth is God’s footstool, Isaiah 66:1

### The God Who Resides in Heaven Is:

- The Father of our spirits, Hebrews 12:9
- Almighty, Genesis 17:1.
- “Infinite” in wisdom, Psalms 147:5.
- Eternal in existence, Psalms 90:1-2.
- Privy to all we do, Hebrews 4:13.
- Love, I John 4:8; John 3:16.
- One Who longs for our Salvation. 2 Peter 3:9.
- A God of “goodness & severity,” Romans 11:22

## Heaven is Where the Holy Angels Are!

- Not the fallen angels! 2 Peter 2:4.
- The Holy Angels:
  - Serve as ministering spirits, Hebrews 1:14.
  - Rejoice over sinners who repent, Luke 15:10.
  - Are very interested in God's scheme of redemption for man, Ephesians 3:10; 1 Peter 1:12.

## Heaven is Where the Christian's Reward is!

- Matthew 5:11-12, "...Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven..."
- Some Calvinists make a distinction between Reward and Salvation:
  - Must work to receive reward; No doing involved in being saved (they say!)
  - Can lose your reward; can't lose your salvation. Don't believe this for a minute!

## Heaven is Where the Christian's Real Treasure is!

- Matthew 6:20: "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven..."
- Earthly treasures are insecure, Matthew 6:19. (moth, rust, thieves, etc.).
- Treasures in heaven are secure – "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal," Matthew 6:20.

## Heaven is Where the Christian's Name is:

- Luke 10:20: "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you: but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."
- cf. Philippians 4:3; Revelation 20:15; 21:27.
- Caution! It is possible for one's name to be blotted out..., Revelation 3:5.

## Observations:

- We have primarily focused on what Jesus said about heaven.
- Other Scriptures more vividly describe the place called heaven, especially Revelation 21,22.
  - The description in Revelation 21,22 puts "the icing on the cake."
  - All sober-minded people should surely want to go to heaven!

## Observations (continued).

- The primary emphasis of Jesus regarding heaven was not that of describing heaven as a place (great as it is), but as a relationship!

### In Heaven We will Have a Relationship:

- With the heavenly Father.
- With Jesus our Redeemer.
- With the Holy Spirit.
- With the Holy Angels.
- With the redeemed of all ages.

### An Important Fact to Remember:

- Properly understood, *heaven* is heaven because that is where God is and where Jesus is!
- In tragic contrast, the lost will be “punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power,” 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9!

### Conclusion:

- Every Christian should be “homesick for heaven,” and making plans to go!
- Divine preparation was made so that everyone could go! Hebrews 2:9.
- But most people will be lost in hell! Matthew 7:13-14.
- Those who do the will of God are the ones who will go to heaven, Matthew 7:21.

### What Must I do to be Saved?

- Hear the word of God, Romans 10:17.
- Believe the Gospel, Mark 16:15-16.
- Repent of sins, Acts 2:38; 17:30.
- Confess faith, Acts 8:37.
- Be Baptized for the remission of sins, Acts 2:38; 22:16.
- Be Faithful unto death, Revelation 2:10.