

# Heaven

John 14:1-3

- Reasons For Believing  
There is such a Place as Heaven
- Who Is In Heaven?
- Attractive Features of Heaven
- Description of Heaven

The lesson this morning, is simply entitled "**Heaven**".

## So, Why speak on the subject?

- If you didn't want to go to California, you wouldn't be interested in the WAY.
- It must **FIRST** interest us, by a **DESCRIPTION**,  
And the same is true with heaven.

Notice with me,

## I. Some Reasons For Believing, There Is Such A Place

### A. The Soul Of Man Longs For It

Nothing gives so much satisfaction, as anticipating the "Home of the Soul".

Paul spoke of that anticipation, when he said,

- "For to me to live **IS Christ**, and to die **IS gain**.  
<sup>22</sup> But **IF I LIVE** in the flesh, this is the **FRUIT** of my labour:  
yet what I shall choose I wot not. <sup>23</sup> For I am in a strait betwixt two,  
having **a desire to DEPART, and to be WITH Christ; which is FAR BETTER:**  
<sup>24</sup> Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you." ([Phil.1:21-24](#))

Reasons for Believing There is Such a Place, as Heaven,

### B. The Soul Needs Such A Place

Full satisfaction cannot be attained here on Earth.

David said,

- "As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness:  
I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness." ([Psalms 17:15](#))
- "And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for **THEN** would I fly away, and be at **REST**." ([Psalms 55:6](#))

Reasons for Believing There is Such a Place, as Heaven,

### C. Because The Bible Says So

- "...rejoice, because your names are written **in heaven**." ([Lk.10:20](#))
- "Lay **NOT** up for yourselves treasures upon **EARTH**, where moth and rust doth corrupt, **AND** where thieves break through and steal: <sup>20</sup> **BUT** lay up for yourselves treasures **in HEAVEN**, where neither moth, nor rust doth corrupt, **AND** where thieves do not break through, nor steal:" ([Matt.6:19-20](#))
- "To an **INHERITANCE** incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth **NOT** away, reserved **in HEAVEN** for you," ([1Pet.1:4](#))

The lesson is entitled Heaven, but...

## II. WHO is IN Heaven?

### A. God is

- King Solomon prayed unto God, “..thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear **Thou IN heaven, Thy dwelling place:** and when thou hearest, forgive.” ([1Kings 8:30](#))
- David said, “The LORD is in His holy temple, the **LORD's throne is IN heaven:** His eyes behold, His eyelids try, the children of men.” ([Psalms 11:4](#))
- Jesus said, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your **Father which is IN heaven.**” ([Matt.5:16](#))
- “that ye may be the children of your **Father which is IN heaven:** for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil, **AND** on the good, and sendeth rain on the just, **AND** on the unjust.” ([Matt.5:45](#))

Who, Is In Heaven?

### B. Jesus is

- “no man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the **Son of man which is IN heaven.**” ([Jn.3:13](#))
- Paul said, “Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a **Master IN heaven.**” ([Col.4:1](#))

Who, is In Heaven?

### C. Angels are

- “Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That **IN heaven** their **angels** do always behold the face of My Father which is **in heaven.**” ([Matt.18:10](#))
- “For in the resurrection they, neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are **AS the angels of God, IN heaven.**” ([Matt.22:30](#))

### D. The Word Is Settled In Heaven

- “For ever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled **IN heaven.**” (reads [Psalms 119:89](#))

Notice some,

## III. Attractive Features Of Heaven

### A. Such as, A Holy City

Notice John’s lengthy Description, as A City of Gold.

- “And the **BUILDING** of the wall of it was of jasper: and the **city** was pure gold, like unto clear glass.  
<sup>19</sup> And the **FOUNDATIONS** of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones.  
The **first foundation** was jasper; the **second**, sapphire; the **third**, a “chal-ce-dony”; the **fourth**, an emerald; <sup>20</sup> the **fifth**, sardonyx; the **sixth**, sardius; the **seventh**, “chry-so-lite; the **eighth**, beryl; the **ninth**, a topaz; the **tenth**, a “chry-so-prasus”; the **eleventh**, a jacinth; the **twelfth**, an “am-ethyst”.
- <sup>21</sup> And the twelve **GATES** were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the **STREET** of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.” (that’s [Rev.21:18-21](#))
- “Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.” ([2Pet.3:13](#))
- “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.” ([Rev.21:27](#))

We Cannot fathom, the full meaning of "Heaven".

- "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear **WHAT** we shall be: but we **KNOW** that, **WHEN** He shall appear, we shall be **LIKE** Him; for we shall see Him **AS He IS.**" ([1Jn.3:2](#))

Attractive Features Of Heaven...

## B. A Tree Of Life, and Water Of Life

- John said, "he shewed me a **pure river** of **Water of Life**, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God, and of the Lamb.  
<sup>2</sup> In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the **river**, was there the **Tree of Life**, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree, were for the healing of the nations." ([Rev.22:1-2](#))

The First access to the tree, was in the garden of Eden.

- "the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the **Tree of Life**, and eat, and live for ever:  
<sup>23</sup> therefore the Lord God sent him forth, from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.  
<sup>24</sup> So He drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the garden of Eden, Cherubims, and a flaming sword, which turned every way, to **KEEP** the way of the **Tree of Life.**" ([Gen.3:22-24](#))
- "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh, will I **GIVE** to eat of the **Tree of Life**, which is in the midst, of the **PARADISE** of God." ([Rev.2:7](#))

The Water of life, is clear as crystal; no wonder we'll not hunger nor thirst.

- "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.  
<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb which is in the midst of the Throne, shall **FEED** them, and shall **LEAD** them, unto **LIVING fountains** of **WATERS**: and God shall wipe away, all tears from their eyes." ([Rev.7:16-17](#))

Attractive Features Of Heaven... There will be,

## C. No Night There

- "the gates of it, shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be **no night there.**" ([Rev.21:25](#))

No candles, and no sun needed.

- "the city had **no need of the sun**, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof." ([Rev.21:23](#))
- "And there shall be **no night there**; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever." ([Rev.22:5](#))

Attractive Features Of Heaven,

## D. No Death, No Pain, and No Weeping There

- "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." ([Rev.21:4](#))

Where Jesus reigns, all SORROW is wiped away.

- "the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." ([Isa.35:10](#))

## E. No More Curse

- “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:” ([Rev.22:3](#))

Notice these, various figures used as a,

## IV. Description of Heaven, to Provide some kind of conception, of Heaven.

A **City**, is spoken of in [Heb.11:10](#).

- “for he looked for a **CITY**, which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”

A **building**, is implied from [Jn.14:1-3](#).

- “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me.  
<sup>2</sup> In My **Father’s HOUSE**, are many **MANSIONS**: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a **PLACE** for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and **PREPARE** a place for you, I will **COME** again, and **RECEIVE** you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”

In [Matt.25:34](#), we have a **Kingdom** to inherit.

- “Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, **COME**, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the **KINGDOM prepared** for you, from the foundation of the world:” ([Matt.25:34](#))

A **Country**, is referenced in [Heb.11:16](#).

- “But now they **DESIRE** a better COUNTRY, that is, an **HEAVENLY**: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath PREPARED for them a city.”

Hence, Heaven is not a condition, but rather a **PREPARED PLACE**.

- “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.” ([1Cor.2:9](#))
- “There remaineth therefore a **REST** to the people of God.” ([Heb.4:9](#))
- John said, “I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die **IN** the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may **REST** from their labours; and their **WORKS** do follow them.” ([Rev.14:13](#))

And so, Heaven is, **A Prepared Place, For A Prepared People**.

- “...the wages of sin is death; but the **GIFT** of God is **ETERNAL LIFE** through Jesus Christ our Lord.” ([Rom.6:23](#))

**So We Must Follow Jesus**.

- “**IF** any man serve Me, let him **FOLLOW** Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant **BE**: **IF** any man **SERVE** Me, him will My Father honour.” ([Jn.12:26](#))
- “**NOT** every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall **ENTER** into the kingdom of **HEAVEN**; but he that **DOETH** the will of My Father which is **IN** heaven.” ([Matt.7:21](#))
- “Blessed *are* they that **DO** His commandments, that they may have **RIGHT** to the Tree of Life, and may enter **IN**, through the gates, **INTO** the city.” ([Rev.22:14](#))
- “though He were a Son, yet learned He **OBEDIENCE**, by the things which He suffered; <sup>9</sup>and being made perfect, He became the **AUTHOR** of eternal **SALVATION** unto all them that **OBEY** Him;” ([Heb.5:8-9](#))

### Nothing That Defiles Can Enter.

- “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**.” ([Rev.21:27](#))

### The Promise, Is To The Overcomer.

- “**IF** we suffer, we shall also **REIGN** with *Him*: **IF** we deny Him, He also will **DENY** us:” ([2Tim.2:12](#))
- “He that hath an ear, let him **HEAR** what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that **OVERCOMETH**, will I give to **EAT** of the tree of LIFE, which is in the midst of the **PARADISE** of God.” ([Rev.2:7](#))

## V. IN-CLOSING

### A. His Glory, Will Be In That Day

- Not a homeless wanderer; but surrounded by heavenly mansions ([Jn.14:2](#)).
- Not a man of sorrows, hated & scorned; but myriads of angels.
- Not met by a few in Galilee; but an innumerable host ([Rev.7:9](#))
- “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time, *are not worthy to be compared*, with the glory which shall be revealed in us.  
<sup>19</sup>For the earnest expectation of the creature, waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

<sup>20</sup>For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him, who hath subjected *the same* in hope,  
<sup>21</sup>because the creature itself, also shall be delivered, from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together, until now.” ([Rom.8:18-22](#))

- “**WHEN** Christ, *who is OUR LIFE*, shall appear, **THEN** shall ye also, appear WITH Him, **IN** glory.” ([Col.3:4](#))
- “Blessed *are* the **PURE** in heart: for they shall **SEE** God.” ([Matt.5:8](#))
- “**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.” ([1Thess.4:17](#))
- “the God of **ALL** grace, who hath **CALLED** us unto His **ETERNAL** glory, **BY** Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.” ([1Pet.5:10](#))

If you have a spiritual need, the Lord invites you, and we await to assist you.

**COME** believing ([Heb.11:6](#)), repenting ([Lk.13:3](#)), confessing ([Acts 8:37](#)), and be Baptized **INTO** Christ Jesus ([Gal.3:26-27](#)), While together, we stand and sing.