



Heaven is a WITH Place

Sunday, January 10, 2021 AVBC

Q: Why should I think about heaven?

Q: What is heaven like?

Q: What are we going to be like in heaven?

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits at God's right hand in the place of honor and power. Let heaven fill your thoughts. Do not think only about things down here on earth. (Col. 3:1-2)

HEAVEN IS a place and a sphere, both far and near, where the Lord and those who love Him live together forever.

Q: Who will we be WITH in heaven?

1. You will be with _____

-Luke 15:8-10

But angels are only servants. They are spirits sent from God to care for those who will receive salvation. (Heb. 1:14) (Matt 18:10)

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven... (Heb. 12:22,23a)

-Revelation 5:11-12

2. You will be with other _____ (John 14:6)

-Rev.7:9, Matthew 22:23-33

At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. (Matthew 22:30)

3. You will be with the _____

Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. (John 17:24)

I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me! (Job 19:25-27)

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(For personal study, family devotions or Care group use)

Q1: Have you been watching for "heaven" as you have been reading your bible? If so, what have you discovered?

Q2: This pandemic has required social distancing and, at times, social isolation. What are some of the negative repercussions of not being able to be "with" others? What are some things you have found helpful in counteracting this isolation?

Q3: Read Matthew 1:18-21; 2:13-15, 19-21 and Luke 1:8-20, 26-38. What role do angels play in the birth of Christ?

Q4: Have you ever had an angelic encounter? If so, explain.

Q5: Read John 13: 31- 14:4. What do you think prompted Peter to ask the questions in vs. 36 & 37? How do you think the words of Christ in vs. 1-4 impacted Peter? How do they impact you?

Q6: Pastor David mentioned that when we get to heaven we will see Jesus, including his nail-scarred hands. Do you think we will "see" God in any other forms? If so, explain.

Q7: Read John 20:24-29. Thomas saw the resurrected Lord. What do these verses teach us about what our experience with Jesus in heaven might be like?

Q8: What do the following verses indicate about what it might mean for us to "see" God when we get to heaven? Exodus 33:18-23, John 1:18, I John 4:12, I Tim.6 :15b-16 and Psalm 104:1-3.

Q9: For further study regarding "The Angel of the Lord".

The Angel of the Lord was not merely "an angel"; He was a theophany—an appearance of the second Person of the Trinity in visible and bodily form before the Incarnation. Prominent during the time of Moses (Ex. 3:2–15; Num. 22:22–35) and Joshua (Josh. 5:13–15), this divine manifestation also appeared during the period of the Judges to Gideon (Jud. 6:11–24) and to the parents of Samson (Jud. 13:3–21). The Angel of the Lord was Deity for He was called Yahweh (e.g., Josh. 5:13–15; Jud. 6:11–24; Zech. 3) and God (e.g., Gen. 32:24–32; Ex. 3:4), and had divine attributes and prerogatives (cf. Gen. 16:13; 18:25; 48:16). Yet this Messenger of the Lord was also distinct from Yahweh, thus indicating a plurality of Persons within the Godhead (cf. Num. 20:16; Zech. 1:12–13). New Testament allusions suggest that the Angel of the Lord in the Old Testament was Jesus Christ (cf. John 12:41; 1 Cor. 10:4; John 8:56; Heb. 11:26) (*The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures/1985*)