



HEAVEN IS A REAL PLACE.

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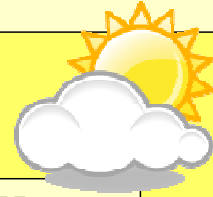
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**For her brother, Mitch,
during his fight with cancer.**

It is his request that this is shared with others looking for encouragement and hope.



IS HEAVEN REAL?



Over 600 times in the Bible:

Jesus: Matt 6:9, Matt 5:3, Matt 10:32, John 18:36

Paul: Hebrews 8:1; 2 Cor 12:2-4

Stephen: Acts 7:55

John: Revelations 21 & 22

God's Home:

(Jesus) Matthew 6:9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

(Jesus) Matthew 10:32 “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also
confess before My Father who is in heaven.

(Paul) Heb 8:1 Now *this is* the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a
High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

(Stephen) Acts 7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the
glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God,

HEAVEN- A PLACE

Terms for Heaven:

- > **Sky** (Psalm 78:23)
- > **Celestial Space** (Gen 1:1, 2:1)
- > **3rd Heaven** (2 Cor 12:2)

Matt 5:34, 23:22



“Heavens” in Bible may refer to 3 specific places:

SKY: Ps 78:23 Yet He had commanded the clouds above, And opened the doors of heaven,

Celestial space: Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.

3rd heaven: God’s dwelling place (Paul) 2 Cor 12:2-4 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— 4 how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

(Jesus) Matt 5:34 But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God’s throne; Matt 23:22 And he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by Him who sits on it.



GOD'S DWELLING PLACE

“The Lord has established His throne in heaven and His kingdom rules over all.” Psalm 103:19

GOD IS: Ruling His Creation (Ps 103:19)

Accepting worship (Isaiah 57:15)

Hearing prayers (2 Chronicles 7:14)

God's Activities in Heaven

Ruling creation: Psalm 103:19 The Lord has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all.

Accepting Worship: Isaiah 57:15 For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name *is* Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy *place*, With him *who* has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Hearing prayers-2 Chron 7:14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

WHO IS IN HEAVEN?

God the Father (Psalm 103:19)

Rules, accepts worship, hears prayers

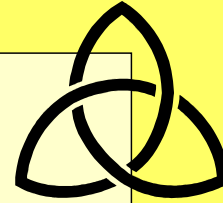
Jesus Christ (Heb. 7:25, John 14:2-3)

Intercession for saints, prepares a place

Angels (Heb. 1:14, Heb. 12:22)

Serving & worship God, ministering to saints

Departed Saints (John 17:24, 2 Cor 5:6-8)



Inhabitants of Heaven

God the Father: Psalm 103:19 The Lord has established His throne in heaven ,And His kingdom rules over all.

JESUS John 14:2 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. 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.

Angels-Heb 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,

Departed Saints-2 Cor 5:6 -8So *we are* always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

TO ENTER HEAVEN:

Accept God's Gift NOW:



Heb 9:27, John 3:16, Rom. 5:8, Rom. 6:23, Rom. 10:13

Jesus' Prayer for You: John 17:24, John 14:2-3

1. **By Physical Death** (2 Cor 5:6-8)
2. **By Rapture of Believer** (I Thess. 4:16-17)

How To Enter Heaven – must choose before hand to:

Accept God's Gift FIRST: **John 3: 16** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life". **Rom 6: 23** "For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." **Romans 10:13** "For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Jesus Prayer for you: **John 17:24** "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world."

THEN to ENTER – One of 2 ways:

1 Through Physical Death: 2 Cor 5:6-8 *So we are* always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord

2. Through Rapture (instant taking up) of Believer: I Thess. 4:16-17 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

WILL WE KNOW EACH OTHER?

Disciples recognized Moses & Elijah

David & his child (II Sam 12:23)

Rich man & Lazarus (Luke 16:23)

Paul & people of church (I Thess. 2:19,20)

Recognition in Heaven- we will recognize others:

Disciples recognized Moses and Elijah on mount of Transfiguration: Matt 17:3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elias (Elijah) talking with Him (Jesus)

David and baby: 2 Sam. 12:23 But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.”

Richman who died: Luke 16:23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom

Paul & people of church I thess 2:19-20 For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?
20 For you are our glory and joy.

WHAT IS NOT IN HEAVEN:



Revelation 21:4, 23-25

No Tears

No night

No Death

No light

No Sorrow

No defilement(sin)

No Pain

No curse

What heaven is & is not, What is it like & activity in heaven all in Rev. 21-22

Revelations 21 & 22 New Heaven & Earth: All Things Made New

21 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 more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." 6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. 8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE:

New Jerusalem: OUTSIDE



- >**Size:** 1500 miles cube (Rev 21:15-16)
- >**Walls:** Jasper (Rev 11,12) 216 ft high
- >**Foundation:** 12 precious stones(Rev 21:19,20)
- >**Pearly Gates:** 12 (tribes of Israel)(Rev 21:12,21)

The New Jerusalem – Physical appearance

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, “Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.” 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God. Her light *was* like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. 14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. 16 The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. 17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred *and* forty-four cubits, *according* to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. 18 The construction of its wall was *of* jasper; and the city *was* pure gold, like clear glass. 19 The foundations of the wall of the city *were* adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation *was* jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. 21 The twelve gates *were* twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city *was* pure gold, like transparent glass.

WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE:

New Jerusalem: **INSIDE**

- > **City-Golden Streets** (Rev 21:18,21)
- > **Crystal River:** (Rev. 22:1)
- > **Tree of Life** (Rev 22:2)



The Glory of the New Jerusalem

22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light. 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. 25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. 27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life

ACTIVITY IN HEAVEN:



KNOW GOD PERFECTLY: (Rev 21:3)

SERVE GOD & CHRIST (Rev. 22:3, 4)

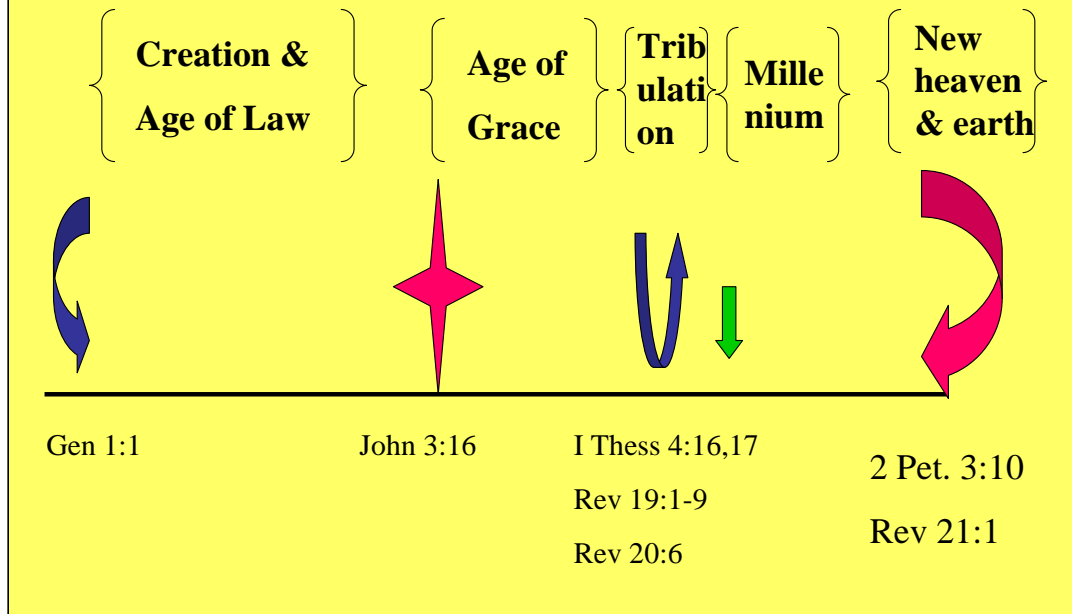
RULE AND REIGN WITH HIM (Rev 22:5)

Jesus Parable of Talents (Matt 25:14, 21,23)

The River of Life (Rev 22:1-5)

22 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was* the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. 3 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. 4 They shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads. 5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

HEAVEN & EARTH IN HISTORY



Matt 25:14-23 “For *the kingdom of heaven* is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. 16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more also. 18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

20 “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ 21 His lord said to him, ‘Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ 22 He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ 23 His lord said to him, ‘Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’



When you face God He will ask you 2 questions:

- 1. What did you do with my son Jesus Christ? (Have you received Him as your Lord and Savior?)**
- 2. What did you do with the time I gave here on this earth?**

Are you written in the Lamb's book of life? Do you know for sure you will be in heaven when time ends? I John 5:13 "These things have I written unto you who believe on the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe on the name of the Son of God."

Jesus said: John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man comes unto the Father but by me".



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Note: All scripture is from the New King James Bible translation.