

What God Says About Heaven, Part 2

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Key Truth:

Heaven is the place of everlasting, conscious bliss in God's perfect presence for everyone who has received by grace through faith the salvation found in Jesus Christ.

For the believer in Jesus Christ, everything about heaven is encouraging. When a believer passes away, that person's spirit is currently, perfectly in heaven with Jesus and with all other believers who've passed on before them. One day, even their resurrected body will be in heaven in perfect union with Christ, just as Jesus' resurrected body is also in heaven.

DISCUSS

Read **2 Peter 3:1-13** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on "What God Says About Heaven, Part 2."

DIG IN

1. **Heaven is the Epicenter of God's presence, from which he rules the universe.**

Even though God is omnipresent (he exists everywhere), He makes his presence especially manifest in heaven, which is revealed as His throne. In what ways does this truth encourage you?

Can you list some Scripture references that reveal heaven as God's dwelling place? If so, name them.

2. **Heaven is a Secure Place.**

Read Ephesians 1:3: In addition to a secure Name and Citizenship, believers are also assured that their salvation and rewards are secure in heaven. In what ways does "every spiritual blessing" describe our salvation in Jesus Christ?

3. **Heaven is a Perfect Place.**

Read Psalm 16:11: What are the practical implications of experiencing "pleasures forevermore" at God's right hand?

What does complete Christlikeness look like for the perfected saint?

Read 1 Corinthians 3:12: Does this mean a perfected saint will have infinite knowledge? Why or why not?

4. **Heaven is a Transitional Place.**

Why is it important to believe that heaven itself is not a final destination for the believer?

DO

In what ways would you use the doctrines of hell and heaven as a tool for evangelizing the lost? Describe for the group a way you would share the gospel using these teachings.