

The Expectations of Heaven



A study of *Biblical Expectations* naturally takes us to the subject of Heaven.

What do you think Heaven will be like?

A. Interestingly, the Bible never really uses Heaven as a pitch to obey God

1. Paul looked forward to being with the Lord (Phil 1:21)
2. Jesus promised that He was coming so we could be where He was (Jn 14:2-3)
 - farmer with barns was rebuked for not being rich towards God (Lk 12:21)
 - foolish virgins were shut out of the wedding celebration because they were not ready (Mt 25:10-13)
 - the rich man in torment wanted relief and word sent to his family so they wouldn't follow his steps (Lk 16:24, 27)
3. The persecuted were told to rejoice because their reward in Heaven was great (Mt 5:12)
4. Jesus told the disciples to lay up treasures in Heaven (Mt 6:20)
5. Giving a cup of cold water to a little one would not lose his reward (Mt 10:42)
6. Paul said there was a crown of righteousness awaiting those who loved the appearing of the Lord (2 Tim 4:8)
7. Paul described receiving an "imperishable" wreath (2 Cor 9:25)
8. We are to set our minds on things "above" (Col 3:2)
9. Paul preferred to be absent from body to be with the Lord (2 Cor 5:8)



If it's not Heaven, then what was the appeal to become a Christian?

B. So many have a worldly and even selfish concept of Heaven. Where did that come from?

- What examples have you heard?

C. When shown Heaven, John Saw (Rev 4):

- the _____ of God (4:11)
- the greatest _____ ever (7:9-7)

In what way is dying a "gain"?
(Phil 1:21,23)

How is the death of the Lord's godly ones "precious"? (Ps 116:15)

Things You Need To Know About Heaven

1. It is a _____ place (Mt 6:9)
2. It is God's _____ (Mt 7:11)
3. We do not become _____
4. Not _____ goes to Heaven (Mt 7:21-23)
5. We will _____ one another in Heaven (1 Thes 4:17)
6. _____ stops (2 Pet 3:8)
7. We won't be _____ any more (Rev 20:10)
8. We will be in a _____ state (1 Cor 15:51-53; 42-44)
9. We won't miss our _____ lives (Phil 1:21)
10. We will see _____ (Rev 22:4)

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