

Message Notes

"The God who Judges - part two (heaven)"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - "A really cold, cold day..."

Judgment

Hebrews 9:27

Matthew 25:33-34

The Doctrine of Heaven

Misconceptions of Heaven

What is heaven like?

A look at all the significant Biblical Data

Old Testament

3 meanings

1. The created space (universe or sky) above the earth
Genesis 1:1, 2:1, 2 Chronicles 6:26, Psalm 19:1

2. The place where God lives

1 Kings 8:30, 2 Chronicles 30:27

3. The "new heavens" and "new earth"

Isaiah 65:17, 66:22

New Testament

Progressively revealed in the New Testament

Jesus

Matthew 19:27-28

John 14:1-6

Apostles

Acts 3:19-21

Paul

Romans 8:17-25

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:8

Peter

2 Peter 3:9-13

Book of Hebrews

Hebrews 12:26-29

Revelation

Revelation 21:1-22:6, 17

So, with all that said, what is heaven like?

1. It will be this world and this heaven completely renewed and restored: a physical place
2. It is the dwelling place of God!
3. The curse will be completely gone!
4. There will be "no more sea" (Revelation 21:1,4)
5. Unlike the old earth and heaven, this new one will be perfect
6. It will be a city, a place of structure
7. It will be a beautiful place, vast in scope and filled with people from every tongue, tribe and nation
8. It is the "blessed hope"

How to get to heaven

John 15:6

Application - *In light of heaven, how then should you live?*

NOTE - Please use a personal or pew Bible to look at passages not listed on this page.

Genesis 1:1, 2:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array

2 Chronicles 6:26

"When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because your people have sinned against you, and when they pray towards this place and confess your name and turn from their sin because you have afflicted them."

Psalm 19:1

1 Kings 8:30

2 Chronicles 30:27

Isaiah 65:17

"Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind."

Isaiah 66:22

"As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me," declares the LORD, "so will your name and descendants endure."

Matthew 19:27, 28

²⁷Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?" ²⁸Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

John 14:1-6

¹⁴Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. ¹⁵In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ¹⁶And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ¹⁷You know the way to the place where I am going. ¹⁸Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" ¹⁹Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Acts 3:19-21

Romans 8:17-25

¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. ¹⁸I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:8

2 Peter 3:9-13

Hebrews 12:26-29

Revelation 21:1-22:1-6, 17